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February 13, 1992

"Sweetheart Dance" At Clark School



THE CLARK SCHOOL PTO held a "Sweetheart Dance" at the school on Friday, February 7th. Pictured above, from left - Debbie Clauson, Jenna Bodurtha, Donna Bodurtha, Michelle Clauson, Jessica Circosta-Aspinall, and Dee Circosta-Aspinall. RELATED STORY AND PHOTO in Education Section. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam High Sports Brought To Life Each Week On Cable TV By "F & F"

together a Production Service called F & F Productions, a Non-profit Organization which produces a weekly program called Agawam Sports

This service, started by town residents Frank Disco and Frank Andruss about five months ago, features local High School Teams in action. F&F Productions films mostly home games but does travel to certain areas of Western Massachusetts

if the match is a key game for the school.

Local residents can tune into Channel 32 every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. to watch exciting sports action. F & F has filmed Hockey, Boy's and Girl's Basketball, Wrestling and Football, and during the season will film all Youth Football home

Andruss and Disco both agree that the hours are long, but the rewards are plentiful. Andruss said, "There has been a need for this type of program in Agawam, as some parents work and do not have the free time to watch their kids play. It also gives the community a chance to see our fine

boys and girls compete."

Disco responded by saying "Every time you pick up the paper or watch the news all you hear about are the bad things youth do. We felt it was time to show the good side of our youth in this town." Agawam has some of the finest sports programs around.

Two local residents from Feeding Hills have put F & F relies solely on their own funds to purmust be done to put out the final product. Andruss and Disco have spent over \$1200 to date to make their show the best it can be. Disco said, "We still would like to purchase some editing equipment, but funds limit what we can and can't do. Frank and myself have already spent quite a bit, but we both feel that the end result must be good for our own piece of mind.

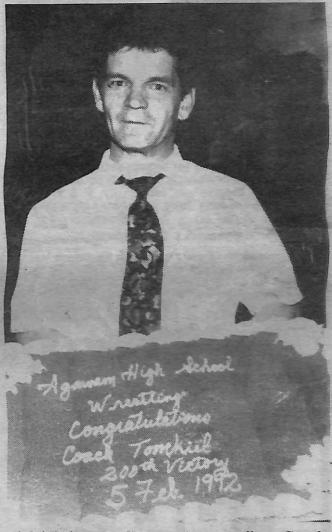
On any given night, one can see F & F in action, as they arrive on a shoot at least one hour before game time to set up and work out the kinks before filming. After filming for approximately one to two hours, both Andruss and Disco meet to edit the film each Monday evening at Continental Cable in Westfield. The four or more hour editing process includes adding complete commentary, music, graphics and interviews with players and

coaches, to the tape of the game before it can air.

Disco stated that "Both Frank and myself are quite new to this field, so the learning experience has been great for both of us. F& F quickly points out that Continental Cablevision has been a big part of our early success. Without the help and guidance of Mark St. Jean, and Continental, we would be nowhere. They have been great and have treated us tremendously well."

SEE "F & F" - Page 2...

200th For Phil



AGAWAM HIGH varsity wrestling Coach Phil Tomkiel grabbed his 200th career win after his squad creamed Westfield last Wednesday night. RELATED STORY in Sports Section. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ON CAMERA IS "F & F" Productions co-owner Frank Disco of Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack

Town Council Agenda For Meeting Tues., Feb. 18th

1. Citizen's Speak Time

2. Roll Call

3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Alle-

Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 2/3/92
 Declaration from Council President
 Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remon-

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-92-5 -A Resolution Accepting Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 20A Concerning the Creation of An Instruc-

tional Trust Fund Account (Mayor).
CREATION OF ACCOUNT WOULD ALLOW FOR THE PURCHASE OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS BY USING 90% OF THE INTEREST AC-CRUED YEARLY.

2. TR-92-6 - A Resolution Authorizing the Posting of the Warrant for the Presidential Primary Election of March 10, 1992 by the Board of

Primary Election of March 10, 1992 by the Board of Registrars (Mayor).

3. TR-92-7 - A Resolution Creating a Council Rule Establishing Procedures for Elections by the Town Council (Coun. Taylor) (Referred to Rules and Regulations Committee on 2/3/92).

PROVISION TO CREATE COUNCIL RULE NO. 43 TO GOVERN THE ELECTION BY THE COUNCIL OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS, A.E.D.I.C., WHITING STREET FUND.

7. Elections

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8. Public Hearings

PH-92-1-(TO-92-3)-Application for Class II Dealer License, Sliech Auto Sales, 700A Spfld. St., F.H., MA (Conduct Public Hearing).

9. Old Business (a) Orders

TOR-92-1 - Ordinance Amendment - Chapter 49, Art. II, Sec. 49-7, Sub-Sections 8 and 9(a) of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Insp. of Weights & Measures) (Mayor) (2nd Reading).
AS AMENDED, WOULD DROP THE POSITION OF INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES FROM TIER 2 TO TIER 5, WITH A SALARY RANGE OF

\$23,000 TO \$25,000. (requires 3 readings for adop-

TOR-92-3 - Ordinance Amendment-Chapter

12, Sec. 12-1, Sub-Sec. B of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Cable Television Advisory Commission) (Mayor) (2nd Reading).
WOULD CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMISSION
BY DELETING THE INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES AS A MEMBER AND BY ADDING THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS/ TOWN ELECTRICIAN AS A MEMBER, WHO SHALL SERVE AS THE TOWN OF AGAWAM'S CABLE TELEVISION LIAISON OFFICER. (requires

3 readings for adoption)
3. TOR-92-4 - An Ordinance Establishing Temporary Handicap Permits (Coun. Russo) (1st Reading) (Referred to Ordinance Committee on

WOULD PROVIDE TEMORARY HANDICAP PARK-

ING PERMITS THROUGH THE HEALTH DEPART-MENT TO THOSE ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS. (requires 3 votes for adoption)

4. TOR-92-5 - An Ordinance Amending Ch. 96, Sec. 96-8 of the Agawam Town Code (Coun. Willis)

(1st Reading).
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE TO CURB DOGS. WHICH WOULD REQUIRE DOG OWNERS TO REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF ALL FECES DEPOSITED ON ANY PUBLIC WAY, PARK OR PRIVATE PROPERTY WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE OWNER. (requires 3 readings for adaption) adoption)

5. TO-92-4 - Transfer-\$22,455.80 from O'Keefe Restitution-Reserved for Appropriation to Mayor-Miscellaneous(1100-5590-R485) (Mayor).
TRANSFER OF REMAINING FUNDS TO AN EXISTING APPROPRIATION, TO BE DISBURSED AS

FOLLOWS

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES OF 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 - \$500 EACH AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - \$300 INSTRUCTIONAL TRUST FUND ACCOUNT

HERITAGE, REALTORS.

FRANK ANDRUSS is co-owner of "F & F" Produc-

As if Frank and Frank don't have enough to do, both of them set up for broadcasting all Agawam Youth Football home games, with equipment they purchased themselves. Hopefully, F & F will be

around for a long time to come, as sports in Agawam takes on a new dimension for the

"F & F" - from Page 1...

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Agawam Police Arrest Blotter From Jan. 26th To Feb. 8th

On January 26th, Robert Hathorne, 1083 Suffield Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officer was Walter Zymroz.

On January 26th, Lance M. Landry, 68 Brookline Avenue, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with being a miger transporting elected. Arresting

with being a minor transporting alcohol. Arresting

officers were Joe Edwards and Edward Connor. On January 27th, Billy Joe Dodge, 24 Forest Street, Chicopee, was arrested & charged with operating after suspension. Arresting officers were Joe Edwards, Mike Gruska, & Steve Grasso.
On January 27th, Richard C. Nelson, 49

Edgewood Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Edward Connor.

On January 28th, Hugh Curran, 36 Sylvan

Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officer was Jim Donovan.
On January 28th, Michael T. Daley, 560 Franklin

Street Extension, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau and Eric Lottermoser

On January 29th, George Warren, 65 Chapin Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant Don

Loncto and Eric Camerlin.

On January 29th, Lawrence Bengle, 622

Amostown Road, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mike Gruska, Richard Niles, and Edward Connor.

On January 30th, Eric P. Naslund, 182 Ambrose

Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Detective Anthony

Malone and Karen Langevin.
On January 30th, Earnest L. Paul, Jr., 413 Barry
Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged Arresting officers were Joe Edwards and Gary O'Brien.

On January 31st, Herbert F. Groll, 643 Suffield Street, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Westfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Keith Bopko and Mark Cec-

On February 3rd, Leonard A. Arcott, 136 Oak Street, Holyoke, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Gerald O'Keefe and Karen Langevin.

On February 3rd, Kevin Regnler, 511 Southwick Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with assault & battery. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien, Mark Poggi, and Edward Connor. On February 4th, Patricia Ann Davis, 80 Broad Street, Westfield, was arrested and charged with

operating after suspension. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau, Eric Lottermoser, and Paul Mur-

On February 4th, **Danile V. Santos**, 56 Maryland Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension. Arresting officers

were Mark Pfau and Jim Donovan. On February 4th, Lucien Demars, 43 Gordon Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department war-rant. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau and Jim

On February 5th, Dana Palmer, 400 James Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant and operating after suspension. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi, Steve Grasso, and

Richard Light, Jr.
On February 6th, Carlos Santiago, 184 Denver Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. Arresting officers were Steve Draghetti and Jim Lewis.

On February 7th, Paul A. Maynard, 242 North Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Alan Collins and

On February 8th, Howard P. McGrath, 129 Moss Road, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Amherst Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Jim Lewis and Detective Anthony Malone.

On February 8th, Marshall W. Church, 125 Franklin Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol and operating after revocation. Arresting officers were Richard Conlon and Mike Gruska.

Continental Cable TV To Air Melconian's **Meeting On Insurance**

Continental Cable TV of Westfield will televise Senator Linda J. Melconian's public forum on Massachusetts Auto Insurance on Friday, February 21st, at 7:00 p.m., on the town's Cable Access Channel 33.

Senator Melconian's meeting, held at the Agawam Public Library, gave constituents the opportunity to air their opinions and grievances to Senator Melconian in a town meeting type format. Senator Melconian began the forum with a brief introduction to describe the history of auto rates, the impact of the 1988 Auto Reform Law, the dramatic increase in bodily injury rates, and the causes and cures for the state's current auto insurance problems.

"The discussion on this was lively and informative," Senator Melconian said. "I strongly recommend, if possible, that you watch the program. If you have any questions as a result of watching the program, please do not hesitate to contact my district office at 786-6033," she said.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (never known to fail) O Most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mothof the son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly be-

seech you from the bo-

ttom of my heart, to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Say this prayer for three consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you.

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There are over 1,700 home fires every day in this country. On an average, one home starts burning every minute.

Home fires cause death, injury and property damage, yet most of them are preventable. People need to be aware of the careless ways fires start and they need to periodically check for fire hazards. The Agawam Fire Department recommends the use of the following checklist: ELECTRICITY

 Are all appliance cords and extension cords in good condition? Worn or damaged cords can start a fire.

· Are all electrical cords in the open ... not under rugs, over nails, or through the doorway?

 Are all appliances with hot surfaces and light bulbs kept away from things that burn easily (i.e., paper, cloth, etc.)? HEATING -

• Is the chimney flue and heating unit cleaned and overhauled before each heating season?

· Are all flammable materials kept away from the furnace or other heat sources?

FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS -· Is the garage kept free of oil, paint and

 Are all flammable liquids stored in Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) approved metal safety cans outside the house?

 Do you know never to use gasoline to clean? . When you use flammable liquids (look on the label to tell if it is flammable), do you use them in a well-ventilated area away from heat sources? COMBUSTIBLES

Are accumulations of old furniture, newspapers, books and magazines kept to a minimum? OUTDOORS

 Is the area around the outside of your house kept free of rubbish and dry leaves?

 Is the BBQ grill kept away from combustibles and where it will not tip over on anyone?

Do you always wait for motors (lawnmower, mini-bike, etc.) to cool down before refueling them?

· Do you extinguish all cigarettes when refueling your car at the gas station?
MATCHES AND CARELESS SMOKING -

Are plenty of large, deep ashtrays kept where

people smoke? • Do you make certain that all smoking materials are cold before disposing of them?

· Are matches kept out of the reach and sight of young children?

 Are older children taught the proper use of matches under supervision?

Do you never smoke while reclining on upholstered furniture or while in bed? COOKING -

 Do you know never to wear loose-fitting clothing near the stove?

Are cooking appliance cords kept up on the counter, out of the reach of children?
Are pot handles turned inward to avoid

scalding accidents? · Are young children kept away from cooking

areas? Are cooking areas kept clean of grease? · Have you removed things you use often from

the cabinet or shelf above the stove? Do you know never to use water or flour on a grease fire? Use the lid to the pan, baking soda, or a fire extinguisher.



Letters To The Editor

Two Clark Teachers Want **Bruno To Stay In Post**

To The Editor:

As teachers in Agawam and also as parents whose children are presently in the system or have recently graduated, we would like to support Peg Hathaway's Letter to the Editor dated February 6th asking Mr. James Bruno to reconsider his retirement plans.

Realizing the difficult times ahead in education

as well as our world in general, perhaps we need to adjust our focus.

We believe we should be looking within ourselves and our own community for answers to Agawam's important and unique educational issues. We think that we, as a community, are up to that task. Perhaps we also should be focusing on the school system's successes. We have many dedicated teachers and school personnel who have assisted many hardworking students to often go on to excellent colleges and to be of worthwhile service to their community.

The bottom line is that this is our community and our schools. We should be tapping our own sense of community pride, community resources, and talents to tackle the tough issues ahead.

Because of these reasons, we agreed with the suggestions and perspectives made by Mrs. Hathaway in her letter.

Sincerely, Joyce Rheaume Linda Morassi Teachers, Early Childhood Program James Clark School

Robinson Park Principal Says Thanks Volunteers

To The Editor:

Dear Reading Volunteers:

On behalf of the Robinson Park School

and staff let me thank all the students, faculty, and staff, let me thank all the wonderful people that volunteered to read during our "Read Aloud" Month. We appreciated the fact that you took time out of your busy schedules to

share a story with us.

Over 200 parents, friends, and relatives generously gave of themselves to make this a very successful and rewarding program.

I hope you enjoyed your time here and received a sense of satisfaction from observing the pleasure and the learning that the students derived from it.

Again, thank you and we welcome you all to return next year.

Principal, Robinson Park School

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Polish Club Bingo Players Do Care About Hungry

To The Editor:

Recently, the Polish American Club Bingo Players were asked to bring one or more food items to donate to our locate Open Pantry. The response was gratifying.

Bags and bags were received the last two weeks. Our people opened their Valentine Hearts for the needy. God Bless them, always. Last month, 18 Agawam and Feeding Hills families received food.

Sincerely, Ed Barako, secretary, Polish American Club

Info Meeting Slated For Cadette & Jr. Girl Scouts

To The Editor:

Attention all Agawam residents of Cadette and

Junior Girl Scouts.

Please attend an informational meeting about our Agawam Government Day Badge. The meeting will be held on February 20th, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Theresa's Church, Agawam.

We hope to see all leaders and interested

parents.

See you there, Helen Manning & Doris Donovan

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF AGAWAM

AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Thursday, February 20, 1992 at 6:30 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MR. CHARLES CALABRESE who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180, Paragraph 11 of the Agawam Public Cooper Street, Agawam Public CALABRESE who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180, Paragraph 11 of the Agawam Public Library, 700 permit and 180, Paragraph 11 of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Thursday, February, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Thursday, 750 Cooper Street, Zoning Ordinances, to allow for the retention of a structure at the premises identified as 10 WOOD-SIDE DRIVE.

By order of the Board of Appeals Ronald Hebert, Chairman Published: February 13, 1992

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sponsored By COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME

Saturday, February 15th Valentine Dance sponsored by Catholic Women's Club of Agawam At the American Legion, Springfield St. 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight

Tuesday, February 18th Agawam Junior Women's Club Captain Charles Leonard House 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 18th Community Grange No. 382 Grange Hall, 47 North West St., F.H. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 20th Progressive Whist Card Party Grange Hall, 47 North West St., F.H. 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 29th Dance for parents, staff, and friends of Granger School At Alexander's, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills Sponsored by Granger PTO to raise money to purchase new photocopier 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight



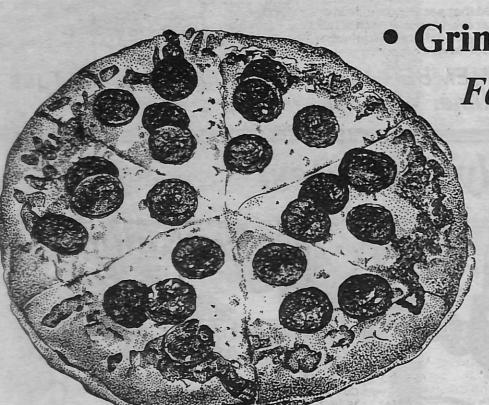
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Agawam **OBITUARIES**



MARY C. BONAVITA

Mary C. Bonavita, Real Estate Broker

Mary C. "Totsie" (Liquori) Bonavita, 62, of 929 Shaker Road, Westfield, a five-year real estate broker at Foresi & Bolduc Realtors in West Springfield, died this past Sunday at home. She was a

real estate broker for 30 years.

Born in Agawam, she lived here for most of her life and moved to Westfield three years ago.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Springfield. She was a 1947 graduate of Agawam High School, a member of the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors, and a former member of the Italian Women's Club in Springfield.

She leaves her husband of 41 years, Carlo F. Bonavita; three sons, Attorney Anthony C. Bonavita and Michael A., both of Agawam; and Carlo P. of Westfield; her mother, Margaret Liquori of Agawam; a brother, Patsy of Agawam; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was on Wednesday morning at Colonial Funeral Home on Main Street, Agawam, and in the church, with burial at St. Michael's Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Lillian Contrino

Lillian (Giuliana) Contrino, 82, of 414 Chestnut Street, Springfield, a former employee of the Filling Mill for the former Bigelow-Sanford Carpet Co. in the Thompsonville section of Enfield, died in Mercy Hospital. She was also a seamstress for area clothing companies.

Born in Naro, province of Agrigento, Italy, she came to Thompsonville in 1913, and moved to Springfield in 1988. ingfield in 1930. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

She leaves her husband of 62 years, Anthony Contrino; two sons, John B. "Jay" of Agawam, and Bennie S. of East Longmeadow; a daughter, Lena Marie Contrino of West Barnstable; a brother, Salvatore Juliano of Springfield; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home nd in Our Lady of Hope Church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

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Agawam Crime Prevention...

Home Security Alert: Common Sense Key To Keeping Your Home Safe

by Detective Wayne Macey **Agawam Police Detective**

As stated before, a burglary occurs somewhere in this country every 10 seconds. The average loss has been figured to be somewhere in the vicinity

of \$1,000.

However, when determining the cost of a break, money is only part of the price. One must consider that once the security of a home has been breached, the lives of the people within those walls are changed forever. There no longer exists a feeling of safety that is so important in a home.

There remains the lingering thought that someone was in your home, and took with them many of your valued possessions. Will the burglar return? Who is the burglar? Is someone watching your home? Unfortunately, these questions usually remain unanswered, and the result is a home put up for sale.

If the family decides to stay, they may opt for some type of a security system which will replace some of the lost feeling of security.

Homeowners who decide on a security alarm should not allow their emotions to enter into negotiations with salespeople or dealers. Alarm companies are in the business to make money, and unnecessary accessories are a luxury we can ill-afford

It must be understood that security comes in all shapes and sizes and at every price. The BUZTOP door wedge is great for an upstairs apartment; it not only keeps the door from being completely opened but it gives off an ungodly screech if someone tries to enter. The cost is \$7.

On the other hand, a completely installed Honeywell alarm system with all the accessories will run somewhere in the vicinity of \$3,500, depending on the number of rooms and size of the

It must also be understood that every home is not a potential candidate for a burglar alarm. There are drawbacks to every alarm and every system. Once installed, either by the homeowner or a professional, life within its boundaries changes greatly.

False alarms can be a daily occurrence unless equipment is installed correctly and the family is familiar with the system and cooperates to insure proper function. If it is determined that an alarm system is the answer, a number of factors and cir-

cumstances must be considered before purchase.
Proximity of neighbors, weather conditions,
animals in the house, and location of the police

station in reference to the home in question. Heat sensors cannot tell a cat burglar from a cat.

Some systems will be a constant problem if wind, lightning, and hall are frequent, and systems connected to automatic dialers will have a delay before police are contacted.

The rule to follow is common sense; cool, calm,

practical common sense.

789-3700

PLEASE REMEMBER that our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. We open weekdays at 6:30 a.m.









TODDLERS IN TOWN (and their parents, of course) are finding the programs and facilities offered by the Agawam Public Library more and more to their liking all the time. Playgroups are the most recent addition to the library's schedule. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

> Check our classified pages every week

Town's Preschoolers Turning More & More To Agawam Library

Parents of preschoolers are turning to libraries for more than books, as more and more scientific evidence points to the fact that infants and toddlers are capable of tremendous intellectual and social development during the first years of life.

One recent study shows that the period bet-

ween eight months and three years is uniquely important in human development, and that parents

play a vital role as their children's first teachers.

The Agawam Public Library is offering a variety
of materials and programs to help Agawam and

Feeding Hills parents make the most of their young children's potential, and to make early learning a positive family experience for all.

For instance, programs for parents on discipline, nurturing, self esteem, and similar subjects are offered throughout the year at the library. Children's programs series, including storytimes for both toddlers and older preschoolers as well as playarous, are always. preschoolers, as well as playgroups, are always ongoing for local families.

The playgroups are the most recent addition to our schedule, and are proving to be a rousing success with the two year old set. Thanks to a government grant that was awarded to Library Director, Donna Campbell, the library has purchased numerous cooperative-play toys, such as a miniature kitchen, a work bench, a doll house, as well as a wide variety of educational and manipulative toys, including building blocks,

puzzles and puppets.
We use these toys and games in playgroup sessions that are open to pre-registered parents and children on Monday and Tuesday mornings. (Parents may sign up for either of the morning sessions.)

While the current session is filled, there are openings in the playgroup series that begin in mid March, and Agawam and Feeding Hills parents are invited to call or visit the library to sign up for the fun.

The main objective of the program is to provide active, inquisitive two to three year-olds with a non-threatening environment in which to learn

about sharing, generosity, and cooperative play.

Parents who have participated in the activities have expressed appreciation for the chance to meet other parents with common interests and concerns, as well as for the opportunity for their toddlers to interact with each other.

Local families and library staff alike appreciate the fact that all puppets and toys have been funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with Title I funds of L.S.C.A. (Library and Construction Act), a federal source of

Observers are welcome, but the sessions are open only to pre-registered families, due to fire and safety laws. For more information on this and other children's programs, call the library at 789-1550.



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Tag Sale At F.H. Congregational





FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH held a Tag Sale on Saturday, February 1st. IN PHOTO LEFT, pictured are Suzanne Mueller, Joanne Fisher, and Debbie Rose; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Todd Zern, Amy Prochaska, and Karla Tyrell. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Hour Of Prayer, Song At Dominican Nuns

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel on Sunday, February 16th, at 4:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.
The service will include the singing of Evening
Prayer and the recitation of the rosary, sermon
and Benediction.

Operation Friendship At F.H. Congregational Planning Roast Beef Supper For Feb. 15th

Operation Friendship of America is holding one of its famous roast beef suppers on Saturday, February 15th, at Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Servings will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The menu consists of juice, salad, roast beef, mashed potatoes, vegetables, beverage, and dessert.

Please come and help support a non-profit organization raise money to send local students to Europe this summer. It's a great learning experience.

For reservations, call Roxanne Zern, 786-1679; Kathy Rose, 786-0195; or Wess Mueller, 789-1757.

AGAWAM NATIVE

ANNE SULLIVAN PAID FOR HER NAME IN BRONZE WITH A LIFETIME OF SERVICE.

Anne Sullivan spent most of her life devoted to the education of Helen Keller. Such caring and compassionate individuals are truly rare. That is why Agawam should be especially proud to be the birthplace of such a person. We were unsuccessful in obtaining a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, and so the Anne Sullivan Committee is still trying to raise the \$30,000 balance necessary to purchase Mico Kaufman's sculpture "Water." Now we are once again turning to you, the citizens of Agawam, and offering you the chance to have your name in bronze. For a \$750 contribution, you will earn a place as a Major Contributor on a bronze plaque that we will place on the site. You can use the space for your name or as a memorial to a family member or loved one—and at the same time raise funds to memorialize someone who is truly deserving—Anne Sullivan. Professional organization and business contributions are also welcome.

If you are interested in Major Contributor status, contact any committee member or send your check to the address below.



Thank you for your support through this long fundraising effort.

Anne Sullivan Memorial, Inc.

P.O. Box 537, 51 Park Edge Drive Feeding Hills, Massachusetts 01030

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Anti-Freeze Poisoning & Ice Are Fatal To Your Pets!

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) has issued a reminder to pet owners that winter brings certain hazards that can be fatal. Antifreeze poisoning and ice accidents are especially common at this time of year.

Each year, veterinarians see pets suffering from antifreeze poisoning. The sweet-tasting solution is ingested by pets when spills are not cleaned up

or when bottles are not safety secured and put away. Antifreeze is poisonous to pets.

According to Dr. Paul Gambardella, Chief-of-Staff at the MSPCA's Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, most of the cases of antifreeze poisoning at Angell are fatal. The best medicine is prevention, according to Gambardella, who urged pet owners to keep poisons well secured and out

pet owners to keep poisons well secured and out of reach of pets and children.

Possible signs of antifreeze poisoning include vomiting, a staggering gait, lethargy, excessive intake of water, and uncoordination. Pet owners should contact their veterinarian immediately if antifreeze. antifreeze-or any other poisoning-is sus-

Pet owners should also leash or supervise their pets when outside to prevent them from straying onto half-frozen waters or running free in sledding areas. This will also keep pets safe from other outdoor hazards, such as traffic accidents, becoming

lost, and harmful encounters with other animals.
If anyone witnesses an animal that has fallen through the ice, emergency personnel such as the local police or fire department should be contacted immediately.

The MSPCA also recommends the following cold weather tips:

 Keep pets warm and dry. If pets live in an out-door shelter, ensure that the shelter is free from leaks and drafts, has dry bedding at all times, and is large enough for the animal to stand, turn, and lie down. The floor should be elevated from the ground, and the entrance should have a flap blocking wind and rain.

·Older or ill pets, pets not acclimated to the

cold, or certain short-haired breeds of dogs should not be left outdoors.

•During extreme cold, all pets should be taken inside. Trips outside should be shortened to reduce the risk of frostbite.

•Short-haired dogs such as greyhounds, chihuahuas, and clipped poodles need extra protection when outside. Sweaters or other protective clothing will make these pets more comfor-

Caged pets such as birds, hamsters, and guinea pigs are especially sensitive to cold drafts.

Keep their cage in a warm, dry area of the house.

•Wipe pets' pads thoroughly after they come in from trips outside. Remove ice and irritants such as rock salt and sand that can build up between

and on the surface of pads.

•Check outdoor water bowls and troughs often ice may form, leaving animals without fresh

•Free-roaming cats may curl up in wheel wells or the engines of cars, seeking refuge from the cold. Rap on the hood or press the car's horn to alert any sleeping animals before starting the car.

• Another outdoor precaution to remember—the

incidence of rabies is increasing along the Atlantic Coast. Have dogs and cats vaccinated against rabies and supervise pets when outside.

•Spay or neuter dogs and cats! Help prevent the many unwanted litters of puppies and kittens

already pouring into shelters. And help increase the odds for those shelter animals already in need of loving homes.

If you suspect that an animal is not provided with proper shelter, food, or water this winter, or if you believe an animal is the victim of any type of abuse or neglect, call MSPCA Law Enforcement: (617) 522-6008 in the Boston area, or in Massachusetts: 1-800-628-5808.

For more information on winter pet care, call the MSPCA at (617) 522-7400.

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Ag. United Methodist Has Programs Planned

The Agawam United Methodist Church invites the community to it programs during the second

half of February.

This Friday, February 14th, a visit to Sinai Temple, Springfield, for worship services, a tour and a talk with the Rabbi, Mark Shapiro, will leave the church at 6:59 p.m.

Members of the church's Youth Confirmation Class, Matthew Gordon and Harold Riddle III, have invited others to join them and their mentors. Percy Mickey and Paul Broz, Jr. Information may be had by calling Pastor Laurence Hill, coordinator of the class, at 786-5278.

This Sunday's sermon theme when the congregation gathers for 9:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School will be "It's Not Easy Staying Green." Then, at 7:00 p.m., the regular informal public service of prayer and song will be held.

On Sunday, February 23rd, The Rev. Donella Siktberg will preach at 9:30 a.m. as part of a pulpit exchange, with Pastor Hill preaching at her church, Glendale U.M.C. (United Methodist Church) in Wilbraham. Pastor Siktberg served as Interim Pastor at Agawam U.M.C. several years

Also on Sunday, February 23rd, Agawam United Methodist Church will take a trip to visit the Shriners' Hospital in Springfield to see the acclaimed work done with children with orthopedic problems. People may carpool from the church at 12:30 p.m. or gather at the hospital at 516 Carew

Agawam United Methodist Church and its Children's Center are located on Rt. 57, across from the high school athletic fields. The public is

For more information, please phone 786-4174.

Best Local News





HEATHER LYNN ANDRAS

Heather L. Andras "Miss Teen Conn."

Heather Lynn Andras, daughter of John & Sue Andras of Silver Street, Agawam, has beem chosen as "Miss Teen Connecticut Valley" for the 13 to 15 year age bracket.

Heather is a student at Agawam Junior High School.

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Laki Pananas Dinner At Parthenon Rest.

To all our friends, patrons, neighbors, teachers and schoolmates of our beloved son, Laki, we extend a cordial invitation to visit us on Sunday, February 16th, at Parthenon III Restaurant, 835 Suffield Street, Agawam, as our guests for a dinner of your choice. We will be open all day to host you.

One year ago on this date, our son, Laki, at age 15, left us for his heavenly home, thus creating a void in our family. Yet, he left us a note in which he stated, "I will never forget all the good times I had or any of my friends. Don't let this happen to anyone else. To my family I say, don't grieve for me. It was meant this way. This way it will be. I loved all and everybody. Don't ever forget me, nobody. Remember me always and forever. That's all I ask."

Laki, we will always love and remember you. You are constantly in our thoughts. We have also created a scholarship and will give it annually to a deserving high school graduate in your name.

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So, please, all come and enjoy a dinner with us
on Sunday, February 16th, in memory of our son,
Laki. All money collected will be donated toward
am annual scholarship in Laki's name.

Jr. Women's Club To Meet Feb. 18th

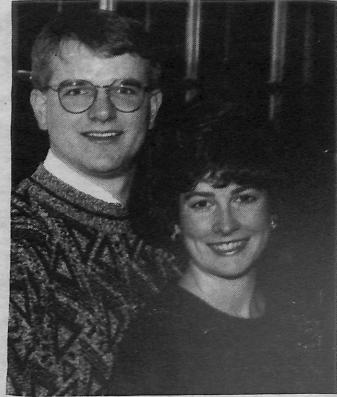
The Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold its February meeting on Tuesday, February 18th at 7:30 p.m.

The program for the evening will be a craft workshop for members to learn how to make beautiful necklaces and bracelets from ribbons and beads.

Please come and join the Juniors at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

For more information, contact Liz at 789-1320. The club, a member of the GFWC and MSFWC, welcomes new members interested in making friends while serving the community.

Check our classified pages every week!



DEBORAH S. RICKSON & TIMOTHY A. THEORALD.

Deborah S. Rickson To Wed Mr. Theobald

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rickson of 45 Fox Farm Road, Feeding Hills, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Deborah Sue, to Timothy Allan Theobald of West Springfield. He is the son of Ms. Diane Crowell, also of West Springfield, and Mr. Arthur Theobald of Hampden.

the son of Ms. Diane Crowell, also of West Springfield, and Mr. Arthur Theobald of Hampden.
Miss Rickson is a graduate of Agawam High School and St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing in Boston. She is a Registered Nurse in Maine.

Her fiance is a graduate of West Springfield High School, Holyoke Community College, and American International College. He is currently a first-year medical student at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine.

A June 27th, 1992 wedding is planned.

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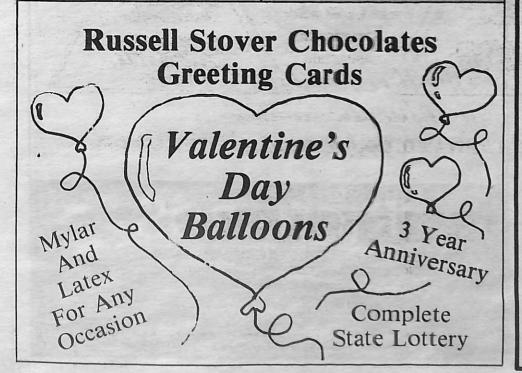
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Laughing Brook Has **Vacation Openings**

Massachusetts Audubon's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden has openings in its February Vacation Week programs. Preregistration is required at least three days in advance of each program. For more information or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter, call 413-566-8044.

Family Owl Prowl: Wednesday, February 19th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Prowl for owls in the moonlit winter woods. At stations indoors and out, learn to see as an owl sees, listen to hooted and whistled calls, and find out about the hunting skills that have earned owls the name "flying Mousetraps." Afterwards, warm up inside with hot cocoa while enjoying a close encounter with several of our resident owls. This program is designed for families with children ages five and older. Fees per person are \$5 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$4 for non-members.

Winter Fun Camp (Grades K-2): Tuesday & Thursday, February 18th & 20th, 10:00 a.m.-3:00

Chase away cabin fever by making rainbow icicles and snow candles, taking part in a winter scavenger hunt, and searching for signs of animals. Fees are \$25 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$30 for non-members.

Fantastic Flying Machines (Grades 1-2); Wednesday, February 19th, 10:00a.m.-12 noon.

Spend the morning making a variety of flying and floating machines, including boomerangs and parachutes. After all machines are completed, pilots will assemble to launch their craft. Fees are \$5.50 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$6.50 for non-members.

Maple Madness (Grades 3-6 & 1-2); Session 1 for

Maple Madness (Grades 3-6 & 1-2); Session 1 for Grades 3-6: Wednesday, February 19th, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Session 2 for Grades 1-2: Friday, February 21st, 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Learn how to identify sugar maples, observe the

tapping process, discover how maple sap is turned into tasty maple syrup and, last but not least, enjoy a delicious maply syrup-topped pancake snack. Fees are \$5.50 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$6.50 for non-members.

Folk Games (Grades 3-6): Friday, February 21st, 10:00 a.m.-12 noon.

Recreate the pastime of earlier days by playing games from times gone by. Fox and Geese, Kick the Can and Blindman's Bluff are a few of the well known games we'll play to keep warm on this wintery morning. Fees are \$5 for Massachusetts Audubon members and \$6 for non-members.

For further information or a copy of Laughing Brook's current newsletter with complete listings,

call 413-566-8034.

Christina T. Walsh To Wed John VanDyk

Announcement is made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Christina Theresa Waish

and John Kevin VanDyk.

The bride-elect, daughter of the Honorable and Mrs. William T. Walsh of Agawam, is a 1987 graduate of Agawam High School and the University of Massachusetts, class of 1991, where the sity of Massachusetts, class of 1991, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry.

She is currently employed as a production assistant at NOBL Laboratories in Sioux Center,

The groom, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Van-Dyk of Sioux Center, Iowa, is a 1988 graduate of Unity Christian High School in Orange City, Iowa, and is currently completing studies at Dordt College in Sioux Center, where he expects to graduate in May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in

The nuptial ceremony will take place on March 14th in Sioux Center, lowa.



The Agawam Advertiser News

"Timeless Truth For Today" "Magic" Is Back!!!

by Roger Martin Pastor, Agawam Church of the Bible

It is hard to remember a basketball All-Star game that had the excitement and emotion of Sunday's game, and all because of one person-Magic Johnson.

son—Magic Johnson.

He was one of the top vote-getters for the West squad, and though he had retired at the beginning of the year, the NBA gave him the O.K. to play.

And play he did! He passed and ran the floor like he used to. His shots dropped, from inside and out, like they always had. For a day, "Magic" was back like nothing was wrong. The crowd the was back, like nothing was wrong. The crowd, the media, and most everyone, I suspect, loved it.

That response isn't surprising. If Magic Johnson (who had become a kind of "family" for many television viewers) had played tired or poorly, we would be reminded of the AIDS virus and the shortness of life. But his "normal" play allow-

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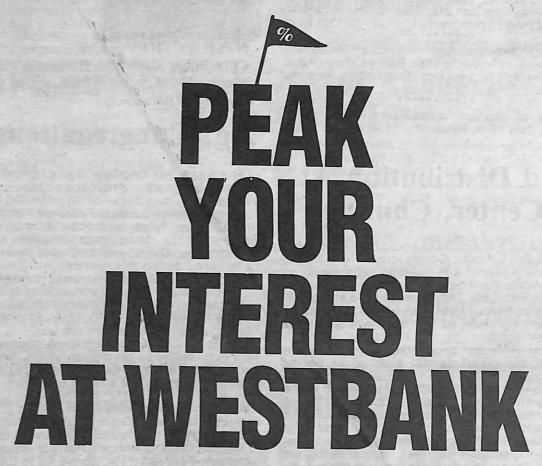
ed us to forget it for a moment, and it felt good. But the fact is, whether or not we have a terminal disease, life is short for all of us. Some reading this may die before Magic Johnson does. "Man, Roger, that sounds so negative!" Frankly, it would be, if life here on earth was all there is.

But God has promised that we can enjoy "real living" now, as well as when we die and enter eternity. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies."

Just admit your sin to God and ask Christ to

forgive you.

Remember, Magic's time is limited, and so is yours. Trusting Christ is your best move. If I may rephrase Reebok, Life is Short-Pray hard!



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Ag. Council On Aging Has Upcoming Events

The Agawam Council on Aging wishes to announce the upcoming events and activities for the benefit of local seniors:

EMERGENCY PROGRAM: Friday, February 21st,

"Medicare—Supplemental Update," with SHINE coordinator, Gail Noe. If you are confused about the notices you are receiving in the mail lately, make this program a MUST. Gail will be at the Senior Center and will be available to answer

For more information, call 786-0400, extension

PREVIEWS—TRIPS: The Agawam Senior Center will sponsor a trip to Bay Path College for an enjoyable evening of the musical "Cabaret." The date is Wednesday, March 4th, with curtain time at 8:00 p.m. Donation is \$3 (to cover copyrights).

Transportation is on your own, and car pooling is encouraged as parking is limited. Transporta-tion will be available for handicapped, "no car" family, and those who cannot drive at night, on a first-come basis. For more information, call 786-0400, extension 242, and ask for Sandra Smith, activities director.

Mystery Show at the Huke-Lau Restaurant, Chicopee, Sunday, May 17th. Raffles, door prizes, and dinner. \$17.50 also includes the bus. Reservations will open soon.

"Spirit of Boston" lobster/clam bake cruise, Monday, July 20th. Reservations will open soon.

Food Distribution At Sr. Center, Church

The Agawam Council On Aging has announced the dates and times for Commodity Food Distribution for the Agawam and Feeding Hills areas.

Commodities will be distributed in Agawam on Thursday, February 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Distribution will **not** start until 11:00 a.m.

Agawam zip code, 60 and over, will pick up at the Senior Center.

Feeding Hills zip code, 60 and over, and all other eligible residents will pick up at Sacred Heart Parish Center. Anyone who is not registered may do so at the

Senior Center on the day of distribution. Positive proof of residency and income is required. Food allocations are based on the number of households served each quarter, available inventory and expected shipments. Some items are available in small amounts and may not be

enough for an entire distribution.

Please bring your own bags.

Ag. Congregational Recognizes Members



OVER AT THE Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street, Agawam Center, Reverend Curt Fuller (left) and Reverend Floyd Bryan (right) congratulate Emily Hutchinson and Marion Pond for being members of the congregation for 72 and 70 years, respectively. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Congregational Church Has Activities

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, announces the upcoming

Homecoming Sunday, February 16th: Sermon title will be "That was then & this is now." Remember to bring your 30-year and over memorabilia. Our 30-year and over members will be honored during this service.

Homecoming Sunday Pancake Breakfast: The Jr. High youth will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday February 16th from 8:00 to

Breakfast on Sunday, February 16th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Adults are \$3.50, children under 12 are \$2, and children under five are free.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, juice, fruit cup, coffee or tea (butter, syrup, tablecloths, and napkins are included). Tickets are being sold at coffee hour, or just walk in and eat.

A new member class will begin Thursday, February 13th, at 7:30 p.m. at the church. Anyone wishing to join the church is welcome to attend. The 456 Club Valentine's Party is scheduled for

Saturday, February 15th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
The Chicken Supper slated for Thursday, February 20th, will have two sittings at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m. For reservations, call the church office

Leap Year Dance, February 29th: A potluck supper will be held by the Saturday Night Live Group (adults 18 to 105 years young); everyone is invited to join in this night of fellowship and dancing. There is a \$2.90 donation per person. Bring your favorite record and our youth voluntary D.J.'s will spin it for you.

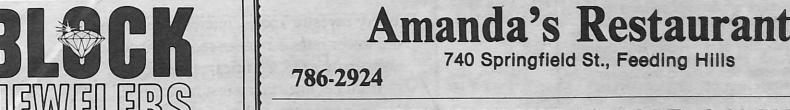
On Friday, February 21st, during the February school vacation, the Agawam Congregational Church is sponsoring a one-day Vacation Bible

The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. for ages three, four, and kindergarten, and end at 3:00 p.m. for those in grades one through six. The theme is "Rise and Shine...and give God your glory, glory!"

Cost is \$4 for ages three, four, and kindergarten; \$5 for grades one through six; and a maximum of \$12 for a family with three or more children attending. Classes are filling up fast!

children attending. Classes are filling up fast! For more information or to volunteer to help

with this project, please call the church office at 786-7111, or to register call Sue Tapply, 786-1430, or Patrick Decoteau, 789-1155.



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JACQUELINE TAUPIER & JOHN DEANE

Jacqueline M. Taupier To Wed John E. Deane

Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Taupier of 64 Woodside Drive, Agawam, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jacqueline Marie, to John Edward Deane, son of Mrs. Harriet Deane of 50 Davenport Street, Chicopee, and the late Ed-

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Agawam High School and is currently employed as a buyer at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley

The prospective groom is a graduate of Cathedral High School in Springfield and Holyoke Community College. He is currently employed as a CAT Scan technologist at Bay State Medical

A September 26th, 1992 wedding is planned.

For all the local news, you turn to us!

S.T.A.R.T. Merges With RehabClinics

S.T.A.R.T. Physical Therapy/Sports Medicine, West Springfield, is pleased to announce a merger/partnership with RehabClinics, Inc. of Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, effective as of December 23, 1991.

RehabClinics is a national network of private practice therapy clinics and is a development company of the Foster Management Company. Other companies developed by Foster Management Company include NovaCare and Orthopedic Service, Incorporated.

This merger allows S.T.A.R.T. to draw from the resources of RCI while continuing to maintain its

Pvt. Christy A. Cook **Completes Course**

Army National Guard Private Christy A. Cook has completed a multichannel communications equipment systems operator course at Fort Gordon, Augusta, Georgia.

Students learned to install, operate, and repair radio relay and multiplexing equipment used in telephone and telegraph communications

Cook is the daughter of Christina C. Cook of 61 Kensington Street, Feeding Hills.

She is a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School.

Sergeant Schwein **Medical Specialist**

Sergeant Michael J. Schwein has graduated from a noncommissioned officer leadership school, having studied tecl.niques of leadership, managment, and supervision.

Schwein is a medical service specialist at Mac-Dill Air Force Base, Florida.

He is the son of George E. and Barbara A. Sch-

wein of 85 Carr Avenue, Agawam.
The sergeant is a 1979 graduate of Agawam High School.

Agawam Senior Center Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, February 17th: HOLI-DAY, WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Tuesday, February 18th: Creamed salmon and peas, fluffy white rice, carrot coins, whole wheat: bread, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, February 19th: Baked chicken breast, sweet potato, cabbage, canadian oat bread. pears.

Thursday, February 20th: Country: pie (hamburg, rice, cheese, tomatoes), tossed salad, whole: wheat bread, butterscotch pudding: with whipped topping.

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Browns Announce Birth Of Boy

Allan and Patricia Brown of Feeding Hills are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Adam Patrick Brown.

Adam was born February 5th at Wesson Women's Hospital, Springfield, weighing 10 pounds, two ounces.

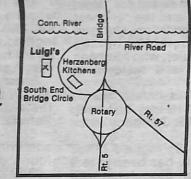
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Spotlight On Business



Common Sense With Your \$\$\$

by Raymond Rose Financial/Marketing Consultant Feeding Hills

Bottom Line Is Saving You \$\$\$

Hi...my name is Raymond Rose. I am a financial and marketing consultant who resides in Feeding Hills. I will be presenting to you, in *The Agawam Advertiser News*, a wide variety of topics which will have broad appeal on how you can better manage your money.

My personal goal is to make each topic informative, enjoyable, interesting, and helpful in controling your income and expenses. The column will feature basic money management principles (a little bit of everything) which everyone can utilize...so I strongly urge you to read this information. My thoughts are that if you learn just one thing over the next several months that saves you \$50 to \$100, you'll be ahead of the game (though my aim will be to save you thousands)...THE BOTTOM LINE IS...IF IT SAVES OR MAKES YOU MONEY...I'LL WRITE ABOUT IT!

I'm encouraging my readers to send me letters and share with me some of their experiences/ideas so that others can also benefit. And please feel free to ask me any questions. If I don't have the answer, I'm sure someone out there will. Mailings should be addressed to Raymond Rose, P.O. Box 487, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Money Management Mistakes

To begin this series, I'd like to discuss some of the more common mistakes that I regularly see in personal money management. If any of these areas sound familiar, set a goal to eliminate the problem areas...now!

*Only one family member is involved in financial affairs. Give one spouse ultimate responsibility for making the daily decisions...but both should always be involved with annual and long term financial planning. Your goals will be easier to attain when everyone in the family is pulling in the same direction.

*Your goals are not written down on paper where they can be reviewed on a constant basis. Having them "in your head" is not good enough. Put a priority rating and dollar amount on each goal...review them regularly.

*You have no family budget. I'm amazed at the amount of income that some families earn, yet they always tell me they don't know where their money goes. Spend a week and jot down on a note every time you spend your money. Analyze the results at the end of the week. Remember, it's not how much you earn, it's how you spend it!

I'll continue with more of these problems next

I'll continue with more of these problems next week. Until then, why not set a goal that you'll work on at least one of these areas...no need to make a "project" out of it...just do a little bit every day. You'll be surprised how far you can come in a week's time.

LAYAWAY

See you then.



TOP SELLERS for 1991 at Landry, Lyons, & White, with an office located in Feeding Hills Center. Back row - Anne Turnberg, Sherrill Oake, Diane Heiney, Dan Mastroianni, Grace LeSage, and Colleen Westberg. Seated - Bridget Donato, Deborah Walker, Denise DeSellier, and Sue Beukenkamp.

Landry, Lyons & White Name Top Sellers

LANDRY, LYONS & WHITE Company/Better Homes and Gardens announced the winners of the firm's top sales awards for 1991 at their recent Kick-Off Breakfast held at the Sheraton-Monarch Place in Springfield.

Denise DeSellier won the award for "Associate of the Year" for the highest income of all Associates in the company, the award for "Most Transactions" in the company, and the "Highest Volume" produced in 1991. In addition, she won the award as "Top Associate" in the Longmeadow office. Mrs. DeSellier, who has been with the firm for five years, is a resident of Longmeadow.

Diane Heiney won the "Top Associate" award for the Wilbraham office. Mrs. Heiney has been with LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Company since 1982 and lives in Wilbraham.

The "Top Associate" in the Springfield office was Bridget Donato. Ms. Donato has been in real estate since 1985 and has been associated with LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Company for five years.

Sue Beukenkamp won the award of "Top Associate" in the West Springfield office for highest sales production in that office. Mrs. Beukenkamp has been a Realtor since 1984 and joined LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Company in 1986. Sue resides with her family in West Springfield.

Grace LeSage of the firm's Westfield office achieved the "Top Associate" award in that of-

fice. Grace, who has been with the firm since 1985, was also the firm's Top Associate in 1989.

In the Chicopee office, Deborah Walker won the award for "Top Associate." Deborah has been in real estate since 1981 and joined LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Company in 1988. Deborah resides with her family in Holyoke.

Ann Turnberg of the firm's Longmeadow office won the award for the "Most Improved" Associate for 1991, while Daniel Mastroianni of the Springfield office received the "Rookie of the Year" award for the highest sales production of any first year Agent.

Sherri Oake of the Springfield office and Colleen Westberg of the Longmeadow office shared the award for the Agent who sent out the "Most Referrals" in 1991.

Sixty-seven Associates were recognized for achieving sales volume of over one, two, three, four and seven million dollars.

President Laurence D. Landry congratulated over 140 Associates on completing a great year. Over 1,000 homes were sold through the participation of LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Company Agents.

LANDRY, LYONS & WHYTE Company/Better Homes and Gardens is the largest real estate firm in the Pioneer Valley and has over 160 Salespeople. In the past 60 days the firm has opened two new offices. Their locations now include nine offices in Chicopee, Feeding Hills, Longmeadow, Springfield, Palmer, West Springfield, Westfield, and Wilbraham.

Westfield Sav. Names New Asst. Manager

Westfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Karen A. Kieda to assistant branch manager of the Southampton Road Branch.

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For Your Health

Safety Tips For When You Shop...

by The Agawam Health Dept.

The following tips regarding shopping for food items will result in a safer and more wholesome

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1. You should always buy foods from a reputable food establishment that is known for cleanliness and safe food handling

2. Make sure that "dated" food items have not

3. Buy products labeled "keep refrigerated" only if they are stored in a refrigerated case and are cold to the touch. Buy frozen foods only if they are frozen solid.

4. Make sure all packaged food containers are in good conditions with no tears or damaged in any way.
5. Don't buy canned goods that have dents

along the seams or that are swollen at the top or bottom. 6. To prevent cross contamination, position

packages of raw meat and poultry in your shopping cart so their juices do not leak on other food items

7. Shop for perishables last. Keep refrigerated and frozen items together so they will remain cold.

When you get home from shopping, use plastic bags or similar air tight containers to contain the raw meat and poultry and place it immediately in your refrigerator or freezer. Make sure you wash your hands thoroughly before handling raw food items.

Using a refrigerator thermometer, verify that your refrigerator temperature is at 40 degrees F. or below and the freezer is 0 degrees or below. Make sure the arrangement of items in your refrigerator and freezer allows the cold air to circulate freely. Clean and sanitize your refrigerator once a week, discarding food items that are out-

Mercy Hospital Has Stroke Support

The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at the Mercy Hospital Center for Health will sponsor its monthly stroke support group on Monday, February 24th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the O'Hara Room for the Deliso Conference Center at Mercy Hospital, 299 Carew Street, Springfield.
All stroke survivors and their family members,

as well as interested professionals, are invited to attend. The group is open to the public as a community service and there is no charge for the support group.

For more information, contact the Weldon

Center, 737-8153 ext. 6454.

Quitting Cigarettes At Noble Hospital

"Forgetting Cigarettes with Hypnotism" will be offered by the education department of Noble Hospital as a way to quit cigarette addiction.

The class will be facilitated by Joseph Barako, director of Education at Noble Hospital. It will consist of two sessions to be held on February 19th and 26th from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at the Education Center on 2 Mill Street, adjacent to the

For more information, please call the Education Department at Noble Hospital at 568-2811, ext.

CPR Classes Planned For Ag. Police Station Feb. 21 & 24

Two classes in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will be held on February 21st and 24th, and on March 3rd and 6th, from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m., in the Community Room of the Agawam Police Department building, 681 Springfield St., Feeding

Rescue breathing, conscious and unconscious choking, and CPR for infants, children, and adults will be covered during each two night class. Course material is geared for both the semi-

professional and general public rescuer.

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The cost of \$32 will cover all course materials, mannaquin use, books, and cards. Call 786-5912 to register, or for further information.

Cancer Support Group At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital's Cancer Support Group will meet again on Thursday, February 20th, at 7:30 p.m. in the hospital's auditorium.

The monthly support group is open to individuals with cancer, and their families or support persons. Registration is not required.

For further information, please contact Ana Nunez, R.N., Same Day Care at Noble Hospital, 568-2811, ext. 479.

Self-Esteem Seminar At Stress Institute

Do you desire high levels of self-esteem? Dr. Steve Sobel, Director of The New England Institute for Stress Management, will be holding an introductory seminar called, "Creating High Sel-Esteem For Improved Mental and Physical Health!"

The seminar will take place on Tuesday evening, February 18th, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cost is only \$10 per person.

Dr. Sobel will present ideas on how to raise adult self-esteem and will also introduce additional small group programs that are available to

Pre-registration is needed by calling 785-1259. The seminar will be held at Dr. Sobel's offices, located at 425 Union Street in West Springfield.

Mercy Hospital Plans Pulmonary Support Group

Mercy Hospital will sponsor a Pulmonary Support Group Meeting on Wednesday, February 26th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Medical Staff Room, Deliso Conference Center, Mercy Hospital Center for Health, Springfield.

People with lung disease and their families are invited to attend an afternoon of sharing and learning about better living with lung disease.

Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 781-9100, ext. 1610.

Diabetes Support Found At Noble Hospital

On Thursday, February 20th, Noble Hospital will host a diabetes support group led by Barbara Agard, R.N., C.D.E. at 10:00 a.m. in the Noble

Hospital Auditorium, Westfield.

Agard is a certified diabetes educator and works with diabetic patients on a consultation basis at Noble Hospital.

The support group meeting will be held from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. in the Noble Hospital former staff education room. Registration is not required. For more information, please call Noble's

Healthbeat, 568-BEAT.

Agawam Counseling Center Offering Therapy

The Agawam Counseling Center will be offering a therapy group for women who are survivors of

childhood sexual abuse.

The group will provide a safe, supportive environment for exploring and mastering past trauma, and will be led by two clinical social workers who are experienced working with this population.

The group will meet Monday evenings, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., starting around mid to late March, and will run for 16 weeks. If interested, please contact Nancy Jessup, LCSW, or Constance Leslie, LICSW, at 786-6410 to set up a screening interview.

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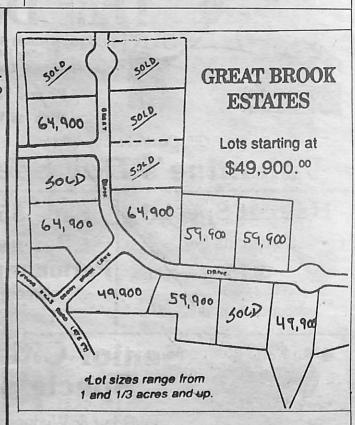
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This Week At THE MOVIES...

by Christine Piesyk Advertiser News Staff

-Shining Through

If one can get past the breathless, whispy sound of Melanie Griffith's voice, one can truly enjoy Shining Through, a movie made almost the way they used to be. Good.

The story is told through the memories of aging secretary Linda Voss (Griffith), a working girl, a half-Jewish girl, from Queens with dreams of being something more...like a spy.

Set against the turbulent times preceding and during the onset of World War II, Voss—by virtue of her fluency in German—goes to work for Edward Leland (Michael Douglas), a cold, calculating man whose regular disappearances lead Voss to believe he is a spy.

Of course, they fall into a blazing romance, and Voss is led into the midst of the world of espionage, slipping into Germany as an OSS undercover operative working inside the home of a high-ranking Nazi official

ranking Nazi official.

Voss' desire to enter Berlin is intensified by her wish to find and hopefully secure freedom for Jewish relatives now to in an elderly agent code.

Among her contacts is an elderly agent codenamed Sunflower (played with grand style by Sir John Gielgud) and a notable performance by Joely Richardson as a double agent, Margrete Von Eberstein, the only person Voss takes purely at face value. Liam Neeson is perfectly cast as a high ranking German officer who employs Voss as a nanny in his countryside home.

as a nanny in his countryside home.

As the story unfolds, Voss and Leland's relationship dissolves under pressure of the war effort; both are, of course, in a forever kind of love that takes second place to national security.

Voss becomes determined to see her mission through to the end, even though it might mean her death. Leland is equally determined to get her out of Germany—with or without the documents so desperately needed by the British and Amercian forces—before she loses her life.

As the story moves from its languid beginning to the war effort and espionage, it gains momentum, strangling from time to time with a hybrid mix of English, German, and subtitles used too randomly and in too distracting a fashion.

The look of the film, from its costumes and interiors to its train depots and swastika-clad buildings, is terrific.

If one can just sit back and take Shining Through at face value as an adventure-romance with a true 1940's film style, it's one of the better film choices to make.

-Medicine Man

Sean Connery, complete with grey ponytail, has taken up residence in the Brazilian rain forests, acting as *Medicine Man* to the forgotten tribes even as he continues his research— research, as it turns out, that has turned up a cure for cancer.

The only problem is, he's lost it...the formula

Enter Lorraine Bracco, a Bronx-born, widelyacclaimed researcher more at home in the lab than on the land, whose only exposure to field research was a month-long sojourn back in grad school.

Connery, always easy to watch and to listen to, plays far better here than Bracco, who punches out her lines in stilted New York-ese that provides continual irritation in the opening scenes as she wages verbal warfare with Connery.

As the story unfolds, however, the weak screenplay gives way to other charms, in particular the filming at tree-top level that explores a bit (but not nearly enough) of the rain forests' fragile ecosystem.

The evolution of Bracco from foundation head and dispenser of funding to field researcher and explorer comes slowly, and only after a climactic ending with the wilderness world going up in smoke.

Much of the film is vignettes, slices of village life, bits and pieces of a culture alien to the rest of the world.

Medicine Man is a film in which I simply sat back and enjoyed the scenery, wishing for a better story to back up the pictures.

The film is a token attempt to decry the devastation of biological systems by modern man, and environmental statement that could have been made much stronger.

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Weather Seems To Be **Best Thing Going For** Florida These Days

by Bob Chadbourne **Advertiser News Contributing Writer**

I'm just back from a 10 day vacation in Florida, and when friends ask me what should be an obvious question regarding whether I had a good time, I find myself meandering off into long, complex, many-faceted answers.

Is getting up to bright warm sunshine that develops into a day in the 80's and a lazy afternoon on the beach preferable to awakening to a reading of zero, the hum of the oil burner emanating through the ducts, and a forecast off snow arriving later in the day? Yes, yes, a thou-

sand times, yes!

However, there's more to it than that. First off all, the drive to that beach is a white-knuckled assault on bumper-to-bumper traffic, all going at breakneck speed. Inside these cars are semior citizens racing to the mall to get a few groceriles. They're retired, but they haven't slowed down.

There's another thing missing in the travel part. It's no fun to go anywhere in Florida because there are no hills or curves, thus no surprises up ahead. On vacation, getting there should be halff the fun, and in Florida it isn't.

Another thing that has begun to sour me on all travel is the way every community has come to look alike. The individually owned store with distinctive merchandise and style is gone. Now the same chains fill up every town, and the particular order in which the giants are laid out is as close as you get to the character of communities.

Worse still, the downturn in the economy is very much reflected in Florida. If you think motel rooms are at a premium, you're wrong. There's a bidding war breaking out in an effort to get your business. Long strips of beach properties, normally leased far ahead by the week or month, are begging bargain rates for a night, a week, a

month, or anything.

Stores are out of business, boarded up, or limping along with desperation sales. State government is having abuse heaped on it because

education is being hit so hard by cuts.

There seem to be a lot of factors in Florida's mish-mash of demographics. The elderly, who require a lot of costly services, still arrive in large numbers. The young working permament residents who pay for them through taxes are looking elsewhere. The rest of the country, beset with regional problems in varying communities, lack the discretionary money to visit the sunshine and fuel the gigantic tourist machine.

Florida is a well planned state. Statistics abound, areas to be developed are earmarked

years in advance, and public projects to support everything and everybody show up on maps with little colored-coded tacks.

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A major improvement project was recently completed in the Pine Meeting Room of the Captain Charles Leonard House by the Board of Trustees.

First to be noticed by visitors and guests to the Captain Leonard House, will be the three bright new ceiling fans and the six new fluorescent electric fixtures, readily available to persons that attend meetings and social events in the Pine

Upon closer scrutiny, visitors will become aware that the entire ceiling has been transformed from the old, tired square fiber tiles to a new, smooth white plaster surface. Not visible to the observing eyes, is the new wood frame that holds

the large sheet rock ceiling panels firmly in place.
The contract also called for replacement of ancient electric wiring and old, leaking plumbing that was exposed during the renovation work. New fiberglass insulation was placed above the ceiling for heat conservation and soundproofing.

Trustees' president, Richard Brindle, stated that the total capital improvement cost was \$8,276.53, which included upgrading of lighting in the basement laundry and storage areas.

He noted that part of the renovation cost was paid by funds received from "Friends of the Captain Charles Leonard House." Generous individuals, civic organizations, and businesspeople have made gifts to the Leonard House to assist the Board of Trustees in preserving and maintaining the property as an attractive, historical Community House for the Town of

President Brindle invites all residents in Agawam to become "Friends of the Captain Leonard House" by making a gift in any amount to: Captain Charles Leonard House and mailing it to: 663 Main Street, Agawam, MA, 01001, during the month of February, which he has declared as "Friends of the Leonard House Month."

Storrowton Village Continues Series

Storrowton Village Museum's historic portrayal series continues on Friday, February 21st, at 7:00 p.m. Ellen Conrad and David Cloutier of Old Sturbridge Village will present a program titled "Dressing Out."

This dynamic 19th century duo will give the audience an intimate view of the clothing from the Early American era, from bonnets and great coats to stockings and stays.

If you've ever wondered what else folks wore between those layers, this light-hearted program is for you. Unlike traditional historic presentations, the audience will be encouraged to ask questions and interact with each performer.

The cost of the presentation is \$3 per person

and reservations can be made by calling the Village at (413) 787-0136. Tickets will be available at the door.



"Dark Lady" To Be Staged In Suffield



THE AWARD-WINNING SUFFIELD PLAYERS will stage "Dark Lady" beginning Feb. 20th and running through March 7th at historic Mapleton Hall, Suffield. Above, Richard Burbage (Alan Nott) and Lord Hunsdon (Paul Gessay) discuss business over a drink as Emilia Bassano (Margie Secora) and William Shakespeare (Konrad Rogowski) engage in "other matters."

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Edith LaFrancis Town Historian

Series On Old Library In Agawam Continues

(Third Article In Series)
Under Chapter 347, Acts of 1890, a board of
Library Trustees was first elected in Agawam.

The collected books of the Society in Feeding Hills, which had at first been kept in the front rolom of Mr. Bell's house, had outgrown its quarters and a room in the Town Hall had been granted for this purpose. The town appropriated \$50 plus \$50 from the dog fund in order that it might receive the gift of \$100 worth of books from the State. The Feeding Hills group voted to transfer to the town all their property, 261 books amd \$48 in cash.

In September 1890, the books from the State Library Commission were received, and about Octo ber 1st libraries were opened in three areas of the town. A small library belonging to the Agawam Congregational Sunday School was turned over to the Agawam Center library at that

In March 1892, the total number of books in all libraries was 700. These were obtained from Feeding Hills Library Association, 261; Mrs. J.E. Lodge, the Honorable E. Hayes and other, 26; Francis Sessions, 4; James Stewart, 4; Miss H.M. Bodurtha and others, 5; State Library Commission, 155; purchased, 245.

Tea Ceremony At Art Museum

Join docent Rosemary Hamilton as she discusses the Japanese tea ceremony, the Bidwell Japanese Room and other favorites in the Japanese collection of the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum on Sunday, February 16th at

The Bidwell Japanese Room was installed at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum in 1990. It was originally built in Japan to display Springfield attorney Raymond A. Bidwell's collection of Asian art and was donated to the museum when Bidwell died in 1954.

Admission to the museum is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children 6-18, and free for children under 6 and members of the Springfield Library & Museums. The single admission fee includes entry to all four museums at the Quadrangle. Admission is free on

The museum is located on the Quadrangle, cor-

new of State and Chestnut Streets.

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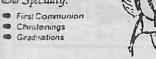
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Library trustees elected in 1892 were Judson Hastings, Henry Annable and William Porter. Henry Annable left town that fall, and Henry Tower was elected to fill out his term until 1894. Judson Hastings was re-elected for a three year

In June 1893, Mrs. Mary Phelon of Feeding Hills give \$500, the income from which was to be used for books for the Feeding Hills branch of the library. Income for the remainder of that year was \$10, and for the next year \$20. This fund is still in existence. Mrs. Phelon died in May of 1895, aged 84. Her will also provided a Feeding Hills school fund of \$4,000.

Prior to 1896, the books of the Mittineague branch of the Library were kept in the home of Henry Tower. When the new brick school was built they were moved into one of its rooms. Expansion was planned to include reference books & an encyclopedia. The "Cyclopedia Brittanica" had been placed in the Feeding Hills Library and "Johnson's Cyclopedia" at Agawam Center. In August, 1904, the Mittineague building, which had six rooms and an auditorium, was struck by lightening and burned, and all records and books were lost in the fire. The school was rebuilt within a year and a new library started.

In 1895, Mrs. Caroline Hayward was elected trustee of the Agawam Center Library in place of W.H. Porter, and in 1896 S. Sewell Smith was elected in place of Judson Hastings. In 1898, Ralph Perry took the place of Mrs. Hayward who served one term only. Emma Pyne served as librarian at this time and Julis Tower served in Mittineague for her father.

The Agawam Center Library was housed in the

The Agawam Center Library was housed in the tower of the Town Hall Building in a room over the main entrance, a space about 12 feet square. There were windows on three sides which, when opened in summer, made it a pleasant room. In cold weather, however, the librarian depended on an overcoat and a small oil heater to keep him warm. Consequently, this was not a popular reading room in winter. The books were later moved to a school room which was heated.

In 1900, the Village Improvement Society agreed to furnish shelves in their building, the former Methodist Church on Main Street, and 40 books were placed there in charge of Richard Delamater. In October of that year, Miss Clara Parsons consented to take charge of the distribution of the books in that neighborhood with gratifying of the books in that neighborhood with gratifying results. This branch at the south end was continued until about 1925, and the librarian never received any pay for her services. Pay for librarians in the other three branches was first appropriated April 3, 1899.





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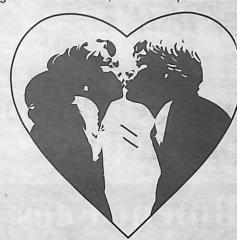
Agawam Poet Agnes R. Neylon Smith

Valentine Reverie

Valentine's Day isn't just for the young, But a day filled with love for everyone; If it went on forever, throughout the year, And all of the peoples of the world endear;

Hate, and anger, and wars, would be gone, And peace and harmony to man, would belong; The world would transcend to its highest goal, And kindness and beauty would fill every soul;

What a wonderful world we could have this day, Giving all our love and caring away; To everyone, everywhere, all over the earth, And give of ourselves, our most precious worth;



We could return God's earth to its pristine beginning,

As it was at creation, devoid of all sinning; True joy would be felt in everyone's heart, And the journey to heaven, would get the right

So, on Valentine's Day, let's love one another, All over the earth, let's be sister and brother; This day of love should be shared far and wide, And man's love for man and his God, e're abide.

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But the sandstone hearth reflected warmth, with embers all aglow;

A cabin sparse, with homespun grace, and rafters built with care, Wherein was felt respect and love, for the

family living there; A tiny wooden cradle rocked, by gentle, steady

A little boy is sleeping, who will, one day, lead our

Abraham Lincoln, was ordained for this Earth, To bequeath his talents, in deeds of great worth; A man of great stature, stout of mind and heart,

In the registry of history, he played a vital part;

This humble man from the cabin, in Kentuck's bluegrass state.

Was honorable, sagacious, and a master of

He was a lawyer of distinction, with eloquent summation,

His "Gettysburg Address," was the pinnacle of



He fought the wars, and serviced the mail, And with mighty muscle, split the rail; He captivated an audience with folklore yarns, He was "Honest Abe," with urbane charms;

He struggled to keep the Union strong, And held to the belief, that slavery was wrong; He served in the Assembly, with keenness of

mind, And his terms in the Congress, helped the Union to bind;

The South was in peril, of some states seceding, A strong-minded leader, is what they were

Lincoln presided, with God as his guide, And by the laws of his land, and his God did abide;



With heartfelt respect, for the slaves of our Nation,

Won their freedom when he signed the

Emancipation Proclamation; All the goodness within him, he gave to his land, And bound states in unity, with strong steady

America's a much better place, for Lincoln's being here,

He spread his kindness and wisdom, in actions, sincere;

One of the finest human beings, who ever walked this Earth,

Abraham Lincoln, we salute you, on this day of your birth.

POST SCRIPT

Our most sorrowful day—the day Lincoln was

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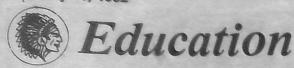
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Jr. High Non-Users "Jump For Heart"; Raise Nearly \$600

by Iris Copson School Dept. Editor

Members of the Agawam Junior High Non-Users Club showed they had a big heart by presenting an enlarged check for \$581 collected in contributions to the American Heart Associa-

The donation was a combined effort of 50 members from the Non-Users Club who participated in the Heart Association's "Jump Rope For Heart" event on January 15th (in the school

Student teams, along with some of the Non-Users Club advisors, jumped rope consistently for well over an hour to earn pledged contributions.

The national event was sponsored by physical educators and the Massachusetts Association for Health, Physical Education, and Dance. It was designed to promote physical education and car-diovascular health while raising funds to help fight against heart disease and stroke.

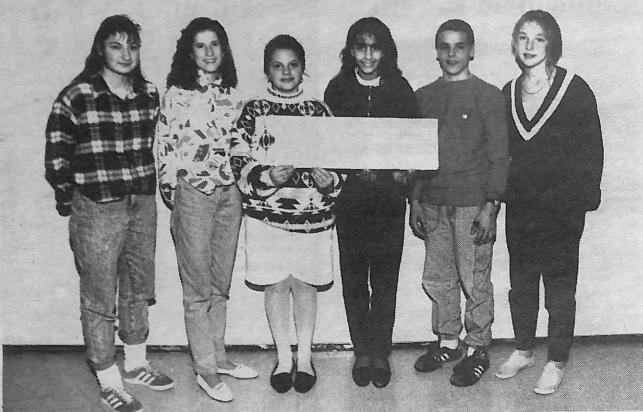
Non-Users joined the sponsorship and raised the \$581 at their marathon while individual prizes for pledges were awarded for top collectors.

Asked Businesses For Help Non-Users' advisors Gerald O'Malley and James Ryan also spoke this week to the Agawam Rotary Club at Storrowton Tavern to ask local businesses to promote enthusiasm and support

for the Jr. High group.

O'Malley said the Non-Users will dedicate an "Honor Roll" plaque to hang on display at the Jr.

High in return for business support.
Also being planned this month is a Sports Card Show & Swap with memorabilia and a Three-Point Foul Shooting Contest. On Friday, March 6th, the club plans to hold its Second Annual "Locomo-Promotion" video extravaganza in the



AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH NON-USERS CLUB members, from left - Stephanie Biza, Christine Mazeika, Courtnie Hyland, Rita Reshamwala, Jason Jean, and Melissa Troie hold an enlarged check good for \$581 collected for the American Heart Association's "Jump Rope For Heart" campaign. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

school's gym.

Plans Monthly Activities

Plans month

The Non-Users Club plans monthly activities and has had many important guests and speakers

for club members to enjoy over the past three years (since its inception in 1989).

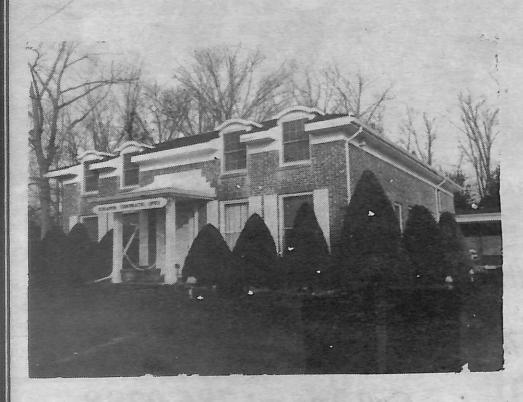
Organizations such as the Agawam Lioness Club and Project D.A.R.E., as well as local businesses, which include Dayga Printing, Video

Review, and UBU Hair Design have made donations to the Non-Users Club for prizes during drawings at various events each month.

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Accelerated Readers Receive Awards At Middle School

by Iris Copson School Dept. Editor

Nearly 300 Accelerated Readers were recognized through a celebration held in the Agawam Middle School cafeteria at the end of January.

Program coordinators (School Librarian Sylvia Deliso, Library Assistant Donna Scherpa, and Project S.E.E. teacher Evelyn Lester) served refreshments and presented certificates, prizes, and books to students.

One hundred eighty-six fifth grade achievers and 95 sixth graders had earned 10 points or above in the Accelerated Reader Program in order to attend the party. The fifth grade accumulation was 4,203 and sixth graders totaled 2,101 points.

Must Read Selected Books

To participate in the program, students must read selected books from a required reading list and follow up completion with a computerized test (which is issued by the program coordinators).

Mrs. Lester utilizes available computers in her Project S.E.E. classroom while Mrs. Deliso and Mrs. Scherpa administer the tests to students on the library student computers.

Each book on the list is assigned a point value depending on its difficulty (beginning at about the fourth grade reading level) and the computer test is comprehensive. The Project S.E.E. study list and school library made over 300 of these books available to the students. The Agawam Public Library also supports the program.

Special prize winners earning over 50 points in grade five were Barbara Maloni, 100 points, top achiever: Laura Tenerowicz, 66 points; Nick Penna, 65 points; Patricia Zerra, 63 points; Robin Pryzbla, 55 points; and Robert Fuller, 53 points.

Special sixth grade award Christians were Geofficial for the Christians of t

Special sixth grade award winners were Geoffrey Krapf, 109 points; Christina Norman, 83 points; Jessica Hansen, 64 points; Rebecca Howard, 61 points; Nicole Molbury, 60 points; and Gina Markowski, 53 points.

Fifth graders who won Special Book Awards for 25-49 points included Joseph Williams, Alicyn Siano, Danielle DeForge, Matthew Slattery, Trina Bowler, Amanda Burrell, Michael Carnery, Lella Mouneimneh, Brian Adams, Christopher Bellerose, Thomas Shibley, Sean Michel, Scott Morris, Jason Grimaldi, Eric Bozenhard, Ryan Gilbert and Joyce Tedone

Gilbert, and Joyce Tedone.

Also, Kristin Chmielewski, Franca Bonavita, Michael O'Connor, Jennifer McGuire, Brian Machos, Leanne Ryan, Stephen Walters, Kristin Bassi, Conor Martin, Karen Smith, Melissa Cote, James Dziedzina, Katie Theroux, Matt Brown, Michelle Heim, Dan Jock, Koren Whitney, Jessica Tudryn, Liz Vasquez, Jason Fiore, Paul Labarre, and Sarah Nacewicz.

T-shirt winners of accumulated points carried over from fifth grade through sixth grade were Geoffrey Krapf, Alison Scherban, Christina Normand, Lonnie DeLuca, Adolfo Bruno, Jessica Hansen, Andrew Werther, and Becky Howard.

Barbara Maloni was the sole t-shirt winner for hitting 100 points or more in fifth grade as a first year competitor.

Miss Soverow's entire fifth grade class qualified to attend the party with each student earning 10 points or more.

According to Mrs. Deliso, Miss Boudie's and Mrs. Govoni's fifth grade classes, as well as Mr. Ferrara's sixth grade class "had an excellent attendance record."



TOP ACCELERATED READERS in the sixth grade at the Agawam Middle School, from left - Rebecca Lee Howard, Gina Markowski, Christina Normand, Geoff Krapf, Nicole Molbury, and Jessica Hansen. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



TOP ACCELERATED READERS in the fifth grade at the Agawam Middle School, from left - Robin Przybyla, Patricia Zerra, Robby Fuller, Nick Penna, Barbara Maloni, and Laura Tenerowicz. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Career Development On Teaching Presented **School Committee**

by Iris Copson School Dept. Editor

The Professional Development Committee gave a presentation recently of updated plans and activities for the current school year to the Agawam School Committee.

Agawam Educators Association (AEA) President Gail Dion and Agawam High teacher Judi Lech organized and coordinated the program.

Mrs. Lech told the School Committee that Agawam Schools will host the main speaker for

an eight-town gathering in May.

She said, "On May 12th, teachers from eight towns will get together to share ideas. There is a potential for over 1,000 teachers (to attend). Dr. Lawrence Liberman will be the main speaker in Agawam and his theme will be mainstreaming and the education of all children.'

She explained that an in-service grant from the state is helping to sponsor events such as this. Each of the eight communities is supporting certain teachers for various workshops througout the school year, according to Mrs. Lech.

More Choices At Minimum Cost Granger Elementary School Principal Phyllis Lewis, a member of the development committee, told School Committee members, "The networking of member districts through SDOT (Staff Development Outreach Team) allows it to offer more choices at a minimum cost. It is the sharing of expertise by resident staff members in the areas of Agawam, West Springfield, Longmeadow, Wilbraham (and four other local communities)."

Mrs. Lewis added, "SDOT has offered peer coaching programs, staff development training, and coordinated Lucrecia Crocker residents. We also collaborate on grant-writing for professional

Agawam Junior High teacher Jeanne Trinque discussed other in-service programs the Professional Development Committee had coordinated

earlier this school year.
She noted that Junior High teacher Gerry O'Malley held a workshop on alcohol and drug abuse and said there were two CPR courses held. She also said they had conducted a workshop which focused around creativity in the classroom.

Teaching For Mastery

AHS Guidance Counselor Jane Williams spoke about a program presenting teaching for mastery and fluency at the Junior High School (January 29th). Middle School teacher Linda Ulrick said the committee had "actively participated" in the learning disabled children workshop early this year.

Early Education instructor Teresa Urbinati detailed two programs scheduled for in-service (also on January 29th). She said the prekindergarten through third grade teachers would attend a workshop on reading and language controls at Robinson Park School.

Fourth, fifth, and sixth grade teachers would meet at the Middle School for a workshop on teaching and learning organization skills.

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Band Parents Stage 1st "Band-A-Thon"



THE AGAWAM BAND PARENTS & Marching Band held an all-night Band-A-Thon last weekend in the school's cafeteria. The band is trying to raise funds for new uniforms. IN TOP PHOTO, Colorguard members, from left - Joy Conte, Sue Blakeslee, Amyanne Tyrell, Dawn Descant, Sharon Ziegert, and Kim Graveline were on hand lending their support; IN PHOTO BELOW, BayBank employees Dolly Werenski (left) and Gina Fusick (right) make a check presentation to band director Scott Thomson and Ted Zern. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.





Troop 525 Pays Visit To Heritage Hall



GIRLS IN TROOP 525 paid a visit to Heritage Hall Nursing Home on February 5th to make snowflakes and give gifts to residents. This is just one of the many community activities sponsored by troops throughout the town during the school vear. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Many Town Residents Dion & Russell Make On UMass Dean's List Rensselaer Honors

Dean of Students Sharon Kipetz has announced the names of students who qualified for the Dean's List for the 1991 fall semester at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student

must receive a 3.5 grade point average or better on the four-point scale.

"Because fewer than 15 percent meet this high standard, making the Dean's List marks a significant accomplishment," said University Chancellor Richard D. O'Brien. "This academic honor is a source of pride to the entire University community.

The following local students were named to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst's Dean's

List for the 1991 fall semester: FROM AGAWAM:

Best Local

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Allan A. Campbell, 24 Beekman Drive; Kristina M. Candido, 40 Ley Street; Sharon M. Gaffney, 69 Ottowa Street; Karen M. Placzek, 89 Lealand Avenue; and Tricia A. Rea, 82 Mallard Circle. FROM FEEDING HILLS:

Christopher E. Caron, 6 Red Oak Circle; Kristin E. Knight, 83 Ridgeview Drive; Heidi L. Mac-Williams, 48 Cedar Knoll Drive; and Enrico N. Manes, 50 Halladay Drive.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in Troy, New York, has announced the names of students who made the Institute's Dean's List for the fall

Agawam students included on the list are James Karl Dion, 28 Charest Lane, a sophomore majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Scott Raymond Russell, 756 Suffield Street, a freshman

majoring in Engineering.

The Dean's List recognizes full-time students who maintain grade-point averages of 3.0 out of a possible 4.0 and have no grades below "C."

Founded in 1824, Rensselaer is the nation's oldest degree-granting technological university. The Institute is known for its rigorous academic programs and for its strengths in aeronautics,

robotics, and computer science, coupled with considerable depth in the sciences, management, architecture, and the humanities and social sciences.

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PHELPS SCHOOL BROWNIE TROOP 556

December brought lots of fun preparing for Christmas. Puzzles were made for each girl to give to a fellow Brownie. Gifts were made for parents and a party ended the year. Our troop also attended a unit Christmas party. Those who attended had a great time and we hope to see it as an annual event.

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On December 29th we went ice skating at Enfield Rinks. They gave a troop discount and we had fun. A troop member has moved to Chicopee. She and her mom will be greatly missed. They are AMBER and DONNA DECHRISTOPHER

Our co-leader and her family have just come back from a month's stay in England. Welcome back LESLIE & LUCY. We missed you!

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL **BROWNIE TROOP 553**

In September we kicked off our year with a wonderful trip to Sturbridge Village. We toured the village and did the hands-on program. We went Christmas Caroling on North Westfield Street at the housing for the elderly complex. We are planning a trip to the Yankee Candle Company this month and are in the process of adopting grandparents from Heritage Hall.

DAISY TROOP 555

We have 12 members who have been very busy with a variety of projects. We have taken a field trip to the Giving Tree with our handmade bells and tree ornaments. We followed up with a visit to Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus and then to Friendly for ice cream. We also created our troop flag which features daisy flowers and a Care Bear because Daisy Girl Scouts are a lot like Care Bears.

We learned a lot about kindness and sharing by sponsoring a needy child at Christmas. We purchased a gift of clothing for the child. We have enjoyed a wide variety of arts and craft projects and will be learning a number of scout songs.

BROWNIE TROOP 564 We recently had our first investiture and flag ceremony. The girls earned the first try-it badge by learning the Girl Scout sign, promise, Brownie Smile Song, and other traditions. These girls work hard and we are determined to help the communi-

Right now they are learning about foods and eating healthy. They are going on a field trip to McDonald's Restaurant. These girls are fun to be around.

NEWS & NOTES

ANN SMITH, program director of Volunteer Services at Heritage Hall Nursing Home came to speak at November's meeting about how we could become involved. As a result, many troops are visiting, adopting grandparents, decorating bulletin boards, and making table decorations.

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Postal Carrier Visits Town's Nursery School



AGAWAM POSTAL CARRIER Paul Koretz paid a visit to the staff and children of Perry Lane Nursery School on February 5th. The children learned about why the mail is so important and what entails the day-to-day responsibilities of being a letter carrier for the postal service. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Granger School PTO Planning Big Dance

Granger PTO is having a dance for parents, staff and friends of Granger School. The dance will be held on Saturday, February 29th, 1992, from 8:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight. It is being held at Alexander's, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

Music will be provided by DJ Ken Hill. Tickets are on sale for \$5 each and may be purchased at Granger's office, through any PTO board member, or by calling Sandy Dubay at 786-8055. There will be several door prizes and raffle prizes offered.

All profits from the dance will be put towards purchasing a new photocopier for Granger School. A new copier is greatly needed for the benefit of all our children.

Please support our efforts and help make this dance a huge success. Come dance your socks off; our copier is on its last legs. All are welcome to attend.

Ag. Little League Has Final Sign-Ups Slated

Agawam Little League, with the help of the Park & Recreation Department, Cooper Street, Agawam, will take final sign-ups the week of school vacation, Tuesday (February 18th) through Friday (February 21st), from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.

This is the only time we will accept registrations, as the drafts will be conducted in March and practice will follow.

The cost is \$20 per player, plus \$10 for pre-paid raffle tickets per player (the maximum cost will be \$40 per family). Senior players ages 13 to 15 are encouraged to register.

Check our classified pages

Agawam Schools' Lunch Menu

Monday, February 24th: Cheese pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and creamy French dressing, peaches in juice, milk.

Tuesday, February 25th: Oven baked chicken nuggets, steamed rice, seasoned mixed vegetables, bread & butter, pineapple tidbits in juice, milk.

Wednesday, February 26th: Steamed frankfort in roll, Bostoni baked bean, cinnamon applesauce, chocolate cake with vanilla icing, milk.

Thursday, February 27th: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, Italian mixed vegetables, cherry crisp, milk.

Friday, February 28th: ½ tuna salad sandwich, baked macaroni with Kraft cheese sauce, seasoned carrot coins, chilled pears in juice or ice cream cup, milk.

NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Monday for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to the Agawam School Lunch.

Kimberly A. Hodges On Dean's List

Paul R. Douillard, Dean of the Undergraduate College at Assumption College in Worcester, has announced the Dean's List for Fall 1991.

Kimberly A. Hodges, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hodges of 25 Arbor Lane, was recognized. Kimberly is a Management major and is a member of the class of 1993.





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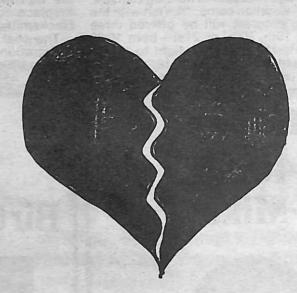
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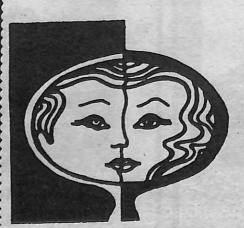
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Educator Of The Month...

School Tutor Essential To Homebound Kids

by Iris Copson School Dept. Editor

Peg Sullivan began teaching homebound students as a tutor for the Agawam Public Schools five years ago after a leave of several years from the profession.

Her job description falls under the Special Education Department, but she told us, "In my mind there is no dichotomy between special services and regular education. My job is a true

She began tutoring as a part-time position but within three months became a full-time tutor. "The need was underestimated (in the Agawam Schools). The service works and it is in the best interests of the students, teachers, and the school.

"The service is based on a written statement from the attending physician and is mandated under Chapter 766 (state law). Agawam goes way beyond what the law requires to bring unity to the

system.
"The service is provided on an as-needed basis with some long-term tutoring but the most common is short-term. I also tutor some students with emotional or behavorial problems," Mrs. Sullivan

explained.
"Any child can get mononucleosis or need surgery that will keep the student out of school for several weeks. Today the school system supplies the classroom at home to the student by providing a liaison to administrators and teachers in-

volved with that student.
"The service has a direct affect on morale and the recovery process. It takes away the isolation and gives the student (as well as the family) a sense of support from the community," Mrs. Sullivan added.

Great Deal Of Time At AHS, Jr. High

Mrs. Sullivan said she spends a large portion of her time at Agawam High and at the Junior High "transitioning kids. I can't do my job without the support of regular education's administrative staff and teachers. The service provides communication and totally permeates regular education," she said.

She noted that her liberal arts background is helpful in tutoring a wide variety of subjects, adding, "If it is a subject I've never taught, the teachers are willing to help as liaisons. The vast majority of teachers in Agawam are very dedicated."

On the average, 35 to 40 students are referred for tutoring each year. "Some of my students come from troubled backgrounds rather than having an illness (which prevents them from coping as they should). The parents and students both feel the school system is supporting them through my service. These families need somebody in the school. And this service supports the entire family, not just the student," Mrs. Sullivan told us.

For example, Mrs. Sullivan notes that Boston Hospital has a staff of tutors that will assist most students physically capable of continuing their education while hospitalized. "But many students are unable to continue their studies while staying in the hospital.

"The (school) department really goes out of their way to make the transition back to school up-to-date and as smoothly as possible," she said.

Content Support Study Period

At AHS there is a content support study period as well. Teachers in the classroom assist students with their work under an education plan for special needs students. There are also special resource rooms and the Home/School Adjustment counselors and school psychologists also are involved in the process.

Mrs. Sullivan stated, "My personal philosophy is that parents, students, and teachers have to team-up and work together with a cooperative, respectful attitude to bring the quality of education up." tion up.'

Mrs. Sullivan is a resident of Westfield and has four children. Her three daughters, Christine, Elizabeth, and Maureen attend college, while her

son, Timothy, attends Westfield High School.

Mrs. Sullivan will receive her master's degree
this year from Westfield State College. She has a bachelor of arts degree in history from Elms College. She had taught sixth through eighth grades in Worcester and Holyoke before becoming an associate director of development at Elms.

She is also involved in the town's special needs

summer camp, Camp Rainbow.

Mrs. Sullivan works with college and high school students who are employed at Camp Rainbow under the Job Program Training Act (JPTA).



PEG SULLIVAN

Dena Gagne On N. Adams Dean's List

Dr. Stephen A. Green, Acting Vice-president for Academic Affairs at North Adams State College is pleased to announce that Dena Gagne has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall Semester 1991 at the College.

Dena is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gagne, 25 Federal Avenue, Agawam.

She is a member of the Class of 1995, and is a Political Science major.

Burrows & Ribeiro On College Dean's List

The University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, has announced the names of two area students who have been named to the Dean' List for the Fall semester.

Karen E. Burrows of Agawam and Mary E. Ribeiro of Feeding Hills, both English majors, achieved a Grade Point Average of 3.2 or higher out of a possible 4.0.

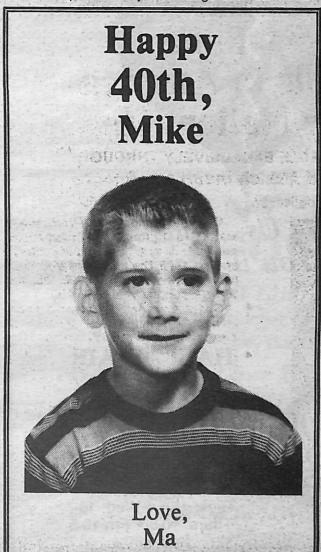
Storrowton Village Has Vacation Bible Camp

Storrowton Village Museum is holding registra-tion for its school vacation camp, "A Visit with the Past." The camp program will be offered three times-February 19th, 20th, or 21st-from 10:00

a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to children ages eight to 12.
Young participants will dress in 19th century costumes provided by the Village and learn what

life was like in bygone days. Activities include fireplace cooking, basket making, spinning, blacksmithing, candle dipping, games and more.

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Dan Adamski

Mom,

You are my Valentine because you take care of me when I'm sick.

Sean Burke

Grandpa.

You are my Valentine because you are so nice to me.

> Love, **Patrick Walsh**

Mom,

You are my Valentine because you let me go on the Thunderbolt with you.

> Love, **Tiffany Michon**

Daddy.

You are my Valentine because on Saturday you let me ride my tricycle in the shop.

> Love, Jenine Davignon

Dad.

You are my Valentine because you bring me camping sometimes.

Thomas Bertrand

Sarah,

You are my Valentine because when your favorite show is on T.V., you let me watch mine.

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Mom,

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THE KIDS' KORNER CLASS of Robinson Park teacher Susan Avondo, first grade. Advertiser inn "If it is a subject to the national

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Mom.

You are my Valentine because you drive us to Florida.

Love, **Christopher Davis**

Erica,

You are my Valentine because you let me wear you clothes.

> Love, Christine McGavin

Carolyn,

You are my Valentine because you play with me.

> Love, Dan Gomes

Mom.

You are my Valentine because you are taking us to Disney on Ice.

Lindsay Harnois

Grandpa,

You are my Valentine because you give me lots of hats.

Emily Hayslett

Marissa,

You are my Valentine because you stopped scratching me.

> Love. Andrew Wynne

Mom.

You are my Valentine because you let me go outside every day.

> Love, Angelica Sanchez

You are my Valentine because you are funny.

Monica Pope

Grandpa,

You are my Valentine because you are making a dollhouse for me.

Love. Jillian Nunziato

Dad,

You are my Valentine because I really like you.

Love, Shannon McDyer



THE KIDS' KORNER CLASS of Nancy O'Keefe, Grade 1, Granger School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

LOVE IS... **Granger School, Grade 1** Room 9 - Nancy O'Keefe

Caring for other people, Kevin Grimaldi; When you Mom kisses you, Andrea Conte; To care for people, Kevin Baptiste; People sharing feelings together, Whitney Brown; When my Mom & Dad take me to the movies, Shannon Smith; Sharing, Jeremy Malanson; Good to kiss my Mom, Karen Fuller; My Mom giving me kisses, Michael Nelson; Sharing, Aimee Beaudette; When someone helps another person and likes them, Brian Sojkowski; People sharing feelings together; For sharing, Nicki Gessay; When people give you presents, Angeline

Tara A. O'Brien **Enrolls At Bay Path**

Miss Tara A. O'Brien, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Brien of Pheasant Run Circle, Feeding Hills, has enrolled at Bay Path College and will enter the women's college as a member of the freshman class in September.
A senior at Agawam High School, Tara has

selected Bay Path's Travel Administration Pro-

gram for her field of study.

Bay Path grants both associate and baccalaureate degrees in a two-plus-two degree sequence, and Tara will have the option of entering the work force with an associate degree after two years of study, or continuing at the college for two more years to also earn a bachelor's degree.

Simone; So beautiful, Awesome, In the boat with people, Michael Mercadante.

Kisses and Love is good, Michael Sorel: To me is Valentine's Day, Sabrina Brizzolari; Helping people, Gary Dionne; When my Mom brings me to my friends house to play, Michael Gendron; Valentine's Day, Ashlee Montessi; Helping each other and kindness, Chris King; Playing with my friends, Amanda Maynard.

When someone invites you to their birthday, Lisa Rosenberg; Kindness and forgiveness, Ben Sunny; Happiness, Janeen Valiton; Kissing your girlfriends, Derek Watkins; When people care about other people, like Miss O'Keefe, Jodie Pfau; When people are caring, Bryan Mitchell; I know what love is. To me, it's taking care of people, Billy Cochran.

La Leche League Has **Information For Mom**

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The following names are those of local students who have earned this honor at HCC:

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David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Camprank of Eagle Scout and is a volunteer in the

Bryant is also a senior at Agawam High School and a member of the varsity soccer, wrestling and mswspA ni evind noteninasW 84 to lled

track teams.

Agawam. Pamela Murphy, and resides with his mother and steepfather, John Murphy, at 140 Walnut Street in Michael is the son of Frederick Bryant, Jr. and

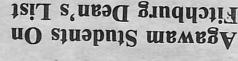
to the academy. final determination of all candidates' admission military academies. Each academy will make the nominate ten students to each of the nation's Each Member of Congress is allowed to

> Military Academies. today announced the nominations of David R. Campbell and Michael F. Bryant to the U.S. U.S. Representative John W. Olver (D-Amherst)

> napolis, respectively. sion to the U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs and the U.S. Mayal Academy at An-Campbell and Bryant are candidates for admis-

> best of students in Agawam. Their family and friends should be very proud of all their accomplishments," said Olver. "I am very pleased to romplishments," said Olver. "I am very pleased to nominate David and Michael to the U.S. Military "David Campbell and Michael Bryant have both

and marching band., He has also achieved the where he is a member of the varsity football team Campbell is a senior at Agawam High School, Academies."



students included on the Dean's List for the fall College has announced the names of area President Vincent J. Mara of Fitchburg State

Feeding Hills, a communications major. education major; and Kim Marie Satkowski of Czepiel of Agawam, a nursing major; Vanessa Jean Coulacos of Feeding Hills, an elementary Area students named to the list are: Cheryl An

tained, and the student is attending the college semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is at-A student is placed on the Dean's List for the

education courses annually. 3,500 students attending graduate and continuing enrolled in 20 academic majors, with another Fitchburg State College has 3,400 day students

The college was established in 1894.

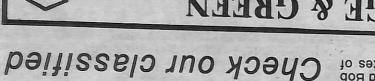
Dean's List At WNEC Robert S. Regish Maintains

England College, earned a semester grade point average of 3.88 for the Fall semester. Robert S. Regish, a senior at Western New

semester. tions internship at the Springfield YMCA last Robert is an English Communications major with a Business minor. He also did a communica-

Elizabeth is an English Literature major with a Elizabeth E. Regish, a senior at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, earned a semester grade point average of 3.89 for her Fall semester.

Regish of Agawam. Both are 1988 graduates of Agawam High School. Beth and Rob are the twins of Barbara and Bob her January term. Edward Bellamy Homestead in Chicopee during History minor. She also did an internahip at the







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She also says that the ever-popular event Bingo ".stdgin ylims!" siutut a good meeting to attend to express their ideas on p.m. Dee reminds Clark parents that this would be The held at the Folice Station on Spr-Faolin Pierce Room (at the Police Station on Spr-ingfield Street) on Monday, March 2nd, at 7:00

the children.

Aspinall.

9:00 p.m., so mark your calendars. (which has become a sort of tradition at Clark) is being planned for Friday, March 27th, from 7:00 to

ed in the weekly menus that are sent home with to attend the board meetings which are announcthat they are always welcome to share ideas and She also wants parents and teachers to know

parents may have to find sitters in order to attend," says P.T.O. President, Dee Circostaing the school for general P.T.O. meetings where

to have one family activity a month instead of us-"The goal of James Clark School P.T.O. is to try

with their whole family?" She also says, "I had a ball planning it and if people want it again next year, I'll be glad to chair it!"

for \$2 and a pan of brownies and spend a fun night Donna points out, "Where else can a family go

person who not only thought of this idea for a family night out, but also was the one who made it

corn all evening long."

Donna Bodurtha, P.T.O. Vice President, was the

real old-fashioned popcorn wagon popping pop-

Jody was pleasantly surprised that "one family even brought a giant bowl of grapes which added to our wonderful variety of goodies. We also had a

tributed a refreshment to make for an abundance Fluff. According to Jody Baum, in charge of hospitality at all Clark functions, each family connospitality at all Clark functions, each family connections.

Parents and children danced to the rockin'

and fun way. Everyone (with about 160 in attento celebrate Valentine's Day the old-fashioned

P.T.O. sponsored a Sweetheart Sock Hop in order

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Clark School Has A

Nicolle Clauson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine. Santos, Keegan Clark, Corey Baum, and

School are, from left - Jesse Clauson, Jamie

night's Sweetheart Sock Hop at James Clark

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IN TOP PHOTO, Barb Vinciguerra, fitness director at Fitness First in Feeding Hills discusses a program with club members; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Donna Levesque is put through her workout under the eye of Barbara "V." Fitness First, owned and operated by Kurt & Paula Welker, is one of the premier health fitness clubs in the region. Fitness First is also well-known for its highly-trained, professional staff. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



New Director At Fitness First In Feeding Hills Has The Right Stuff

by Bob Johnson Advertiser News Sports Editor

You've seen the television and newspaper advertisements for Fitness First for a long time now. You are probably aware of all the gleaming equipment and the many facilities available to you at the popular Feeding Hills fitness center.

Now many will realize that equipment alone does not tell the entire story. You could have all the weights, pools, stair-steppers, bikes, rowers, and treadmills in the world, but only with effective personnel can a facility purr.

And there's a new face at Fitness First that you may want to know about. Owners and operators Kurt & Paula Welker have named a new fitness director to the staff.

Her name is "Barbara Vinkigl, Barbara Vinceagl, Barbara Vinceagl, Barbara Vinciguerra," - so they just call her Barbara "V" down there. You can call her that, too. (Can you imagine first grade for the poor kid?)

Barb has been with Fitness First since November and is starting to really become an effective leader in that post. She oversees the work of seven fitness counselors and is implementing programs to enhance the value of the customer's litness dollars.

Barb was once the co-captain of the Springfield College field hockey team and also starred on the women's lacrosse team. She will receive her master's of science degree in sports psychology this spring and is working toward her doctorate in physical education teaching and administration.

She is a former bodybuilder and is taking an active role in presenting these skills to the area marketplace. "I am really excited because we already have 60 women participating in our new Body Shaping Clinics. They are offered five days a week and the ladies come in and work with us at those sessions," said Barb. "We are really excited about the turnout thus far."

She feels like the men in the club might have been a bit apprehensive in dealing with her early on. But she sees that trend changing. "We sent out our monthly newsletter recently and it detailed some of my bodybuilding background. I think a lot of people read that and realize that I am fully qualified to help them get stronger and into condition because of my background."

Was Student Teacher At Agawam Junior High
Local residents may know Barb already. She
served as a student teacher at Agawam Junior

High in 1986 and served as an assistant coach to varsity field hockey Coach Cyndi Grieve while attending college.

Barb comes to Fitness First from Cedardale Athletic Club in Harverill (Northern Mass.). There, she served as manager of one of the 10 top health clubs in the country.

Clubs in the country.

Barb is currently on a teaching fellowship at Springfield College. She spent two seasons as assistant field hockey coach at Boston College.

In addition to Body Shaping Clinics, Barb has a

new program beginning February 20th called "Lighten Up." This addresses nutritional weight loss. She has also made arrangements for an Indoor Triathlon Series which commences March 1st.

Parents may want to also be on the lookout for the Kids' Sports Camp Program which is run after school each day. Youngsters, ages eight to 15, are introduced to the world of fitness through such activities as racquetball, swimming, aerobics, wallyball, and the fitness center.

"Kids today are unfit," says Barb. "That's really a shame. But we have to do something about it. Kids For Camp is an educational program designed to begin to meet these pressing needs."



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AHS Mat Streak Races To 49 After Easy Saturday

by Bob Johnson Advertiser News Sports Editor

It was just another Sensational Saturday for the Agawam High wrestling team as they went up on Quabbin Mountain and pounded away on two more opponents. The Brownies blasted St. John's Prep 64-10 and then boxed the ears of Monument Mountain 52-13 before heading back down the

The Brownies have been playing King of the Hill for forty nine straight matches now, and there was never any drama at Quabbin Regional High School last Saturday.

That's the beauty of wrestling, though, as each match is a new start and even a blowout can be interesting. You still have to beat that man that is standing in front of you.

And, the Brownies do that better than anybody else. Consider that Agawam did not bring a 103 pounder to the tournament and started off both meets with a 6-0 deficit in the team score depart-

In the first meet against St. John's, Agawam recorded NINE first period pins in eleven matches that were actually wrestled! Six of those nine were decided in the first minute of the match, with Stu McGregor and Nick Langone leading the charge at fifteen seconds apiece. Dave McKay was next with twenty two seconds, and Mike DaSilva only broke twenty five seconds' worth of sweat. It was awesome.

After the forfeit at 103, Joe Loudfoot (1:30), Pat Brown (:50), Shawn Rising (1:56) and Mike Cooper (1:40) all recorded pins. The streak was stopped by Nathan Wood, but he was hardly to blame. They didn't send out any opponent for him to drill. He accepted another in a seemingly endless series of

walkovers for him at 135 pounds.

Mike Bryant suffered the lone loss of the meet for Agawam as he dropped a 19-8 major decision to a kid named Ring that made it to the State Finals a year ago. Bryant was in the match late trailing 14-8, but missed his "dump move" and wound up losing by the big margin.

Vinnie Petrangelo was the only Brownie to win

a match by a decision as he pounded away for a 9-0 major decision win at 145 pounds.

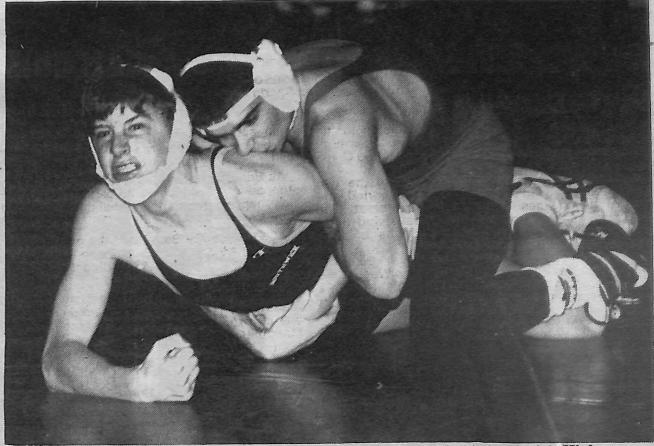
Last Matches Total Just Over Two Minutes The last five matches took a total of 2:13 of total wrestling time! Stu McGregor locked up a cradle at :15 of his match in the 152 pound division. Dave McKay won in :22; DaSilva :25; Langone :15; and

George Ghareeb nailed his foe in just :56 After an hour break, the Brownies came out onto the mat to roll with the kids from Monument Mountain. There were some very good matches in the meet, but the Agawam team still won for the forty ninth straight time with a 52-13 pasting (in-

cluding the six forfeit points in the first match). Joe Loudfoot ended a very competitive match at 112 pounds with a pin in 5:54. Pat Brown had to work hard too, but he used a second period takedown to propel himself to a pin in 3:18. Shawn Rising won by the score of 7-0. Mike Cooper drilled his opponent 11-2 as Agawam roared to a 19-6

Nathan Wood upped it to 25-6 as he battled hard before winning by fall in 4:35. Mike Bryant was in a 4-3 match midway in the second before opening up an 8-3 advantage and pinning his opponent at 5:36.

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AGAWAM HIGH'S Shawn Rising literally has his nose buried in his Southwick High opponent during a recent meet where the Brownies had no problems dropping the Rams. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Tomkiel's 200th Win Comes After Shellacking Of Westfield

by Bob Johnson Advertiser News Sports Editor

Mike Bryant was wrestling Kevin Slowick and the crowd was being thoroughly entertained. Two 140 pound grapplers were going toe to toe. Westfield High's Slowick had beaten Bryant of Agawam High 7-6 in the Christmas tournament.

Bryant is an excellent wrestler and doesn't lose very often. The fans at Agawam High School were excited at the prospect of a rematch.

Bryant got the first takedown and went on to win a 5-2 decision with an escape point with fifteen seconds to go in the third period, giving him the victory. A late takedown by Bryant sealed Slowick's fate.

The crowd got up and whistled and gave Bryant his just rewards for winning the match. Overlooked in the process was the fact that Bryant's victory had "locked" the 47th consecutive dual meet win for the Brownies.

And, it also gave Coach Phil Tomkiel the 200th notch on his still smoking gun as the Brownies

nailed Westfield 59-8 in front of a near capacity house at Clifford P. Kibbe gymnasium.

A Big Lead Via Five Pins

Agawam had built the big lead on the strength of five consecutive power pins from the 112 weight class through the 135 pound division.

After Chad Boucher earned the first two

Agawam points of the night with a 0-0 draw against Terry Brown, the Brownies set their awesome machine in motion.

"Chief" Joe Loudfoot dragged Kris Ravelli back to the middle of the mat in the second period, set-

tled him down and pinned him at 3:12.

Pat Brown followed suit with another of his patented stormy performances. Brown chased down Tom Cresseti at the opening whistle and never stopped putting on the big hurt until the shoulder rub came at 2:35.

Shawn Rising, Agawam's resident precision technician, needed just 1:08 to pin Brian St. Pierre at 125 pounds. Mike Cooper taught Kris Kusnick a little wrestling with a pin in 3:13 in the 130 pound class. Cooper had built a 10-0 lead before Kusnick

Nathan Wood ended the first big Agawam pin streak of the night with an exclamation point as

he mangled Aric Domizick in only 1:01. Vinnie Petrangelo lost an excellent match to Matt Clark at 145. Clark built a 4-1 first period lead and led it 7-6 after two periods, but Petrangelo never quit. Vinnie rode the Bomber for the entire third period, yet he was unable to turn him to get

the winning backpoints. He lost the decision, 7-6. Stuart McGregor was at his all-time best at 152 pounds. Always a high scoring crowd favorite anyway, McGregor piled up a 17-6 lead on Toni Popeli before sticking him at 4:49.

Dave McKay of Agawam was downed 10-6 by Westfield's Mike Stone. McKay led it 4-0 early, but faded down the stretch as Stone opened a 6-5 third period lead with a four point move that sent McKay to defeat.

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AHS Drops 5-3 Decision To Bombers

by Bob Johnson **Advertiser News Sports Editor**

Agawam High dropped a 5-3 decision to the Westfield High Bombers in Western Mass high school hockey action Thursday night at the Olym-

pia in West Springfield.
In the only meeting this season of the two squads, Agawam squandered two first period, one goal advantages en route to the defeat. The Brownies were fresh off a very satisfying Berry Division encounter with the Falcons of Minnechaug Regional High.

It appeared that Lady Luck was on the side of Agawam early in the hockey game as Westfield's Matt Goodreau showed some nifty ability on a 2 on 1. He made a pass across the ice from right wing and took a return feed, only to hit the goaltender's friend at 1:15.

Three minutes later, Agawam took a holding penalty and the Bombers could get nothing accomplished on the power play.

Jeff Perrault got Agawam's first big opportunity in the contest as the senior forward swiped a pass and broke in on Westfield tender Lindsey Scott.

Perrault got humped from the side as he was Perrault got bumped from the side as he was about to fire and he lifted one over the keeper.

Ben Benton was the first to put the goal light on as he scored a super goal at 9:46 for Agawam. The

senior scorer streaked up the right wing boards as he was checked closely by a Bomber defense-

As Benton crossed into the Westfield zone, he stopped and cut inside and broke free on Scott. He snapped home a forehander to give the Brownies a 1-0 lead.

At 11:07 Jamie Bates tied the game when he rapped in a backhander past Jason Rocca off a rebound of a Jeff King shot, knotting things at 1-1 in

At 14:23, Dave Zielinski found some space near the left wing faceoff circle and fired one through the crease into the right corner boards. Eric Mastroianni dug it out and fed Jeff Perrault in front. The senior found an opening and Agawam led it 2-1.

A Tied Game
The backbreaker came at 15:00 as the period expired as Andy Marek stormed on left wing and nailed a slapper just inside the near post that tied the game at 2-2.

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WRESTLING - from Page 38...

Vinnie Petrangelo had a very tough loss to swallow as back points were disallowed late in the match because of miscommunication with the timer and referee, and Vinnie suffered a 6-5

setback in a very exciting match.

Stu McGregor won 5-2 in a ferocious battle at 152 pounds. Dave McKay lost 13-2 in the 160

pound division.

'Pins" The Rest Of The Way The Brownies went the rest of the route with pins as Mike DaSilva piled up a 10-0 lead and then pinned his foe at 3:04. Nick Langone probably had the afternoon's highlight when he fell behind 2-0 and had to work as hard as he had all season. Langone (24-0) was on the bottom and clinging to a 6-4 lead when he pulled a rare maneuver and decided the match with a defensive pin.

After allowing a reversal, Langone went from the starting position and picked up the legs of his opponent. Holding both of the kid's legs while standing, the Monument Mountain kid had his shoulders on the mat. Believing he was still in control, he was in disbelief when the referee's hand slammed the mat.

Mark DaSilva got a rare opportunity to fill in for the rampaging George Ghareeb at heavyweight, but he made the most of his chance with a fall recorded in the time of 2:31

A match with host Quabbin was scurbbed at the eleventh hour due to Quabbin injuries and a lot of snow on the mountain. The Brownies got back on the bus and headed back down the big hill.

They'll have to climb back up there for Wednesday when they travel to Springfield Central for their biggest test of the season. Story next week in these pages.

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Brownies "Clean Up" The Rest Of The Matches Agawam cleaned up the rest of the way as it took just a shade over two minutes from that point forward to wrestle the last three matches.

Mike DaSilva blasted his way to a :27 second pin at 171. Nick Langone roared onto the mat like a wrestling dervish and crowned his foe in 1:10, and George Ghareeb finished the night with a :39 destruction of Rob Rivera at heavyweight.
Rivera clawed at Ghareeb's face for the first ten seconds of the match. Repeatedly, he stuck his

hand in Big George's face.

Finally, the match was stopped and Ghareeb was awarded a penalty point. Ultimately, he would not need it though, as he "dumped" his wide body rival on his back and stuck him in quick order.

Following the match, Tomkiel was asked by the AAN what his 200th victory meant to him: "It's great that all the people are here to witness it and appreciate that very much, but to be honest, this really doesn't mean a thing.
"We've got Central next Wednesday and that's

the match that we need to win. It is satisfying to win 200, but this team has a lot of work left to do

before I'm really satisfied."

It would be nice to have his problems. The Brownies travelled to Quabbin for their next

match last Saturday (story this edition) as they took on Monument Mountain, St. John's Prep, and Quabbin in what turned out to be a terrific day of wrestling.

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Agawam had an early power play in the second period, and Kevin Fleury started it well offensively by blasting a big slap shot from the right point, but Scott handled it with page

but Scott handled it with ease.
Five minutes later, Matt Raymond scored in traffic with Steve Gardner getting the assist and Westfield had their first lead of the game at 3-2. That one hurt because Benton had just gotten robbed in the Brownie offensive zone and the Bombers broke out 4 on 2 for the go-ahead score.

With just 1:27 to go in the second, Mike Puza tucked home a pass in the crease and the Bombers had themselves a two goal advantage heading for the final period.

Scott Bracci (a fine hustling game) had a big bid at 3:01, and Dan McCarthy and Perrault almost combined on another as the Brownies tried to

Benton Gets Brownies Within One Goal
Once again, it was an individual effort by Benton that got them within one goal. He chased a puck to the left corner and got sandblasted against the glass. Recovering quickly, he chased the checker to the back of the nets and regained

This time, he stood behind the goal for a couple seconds and planned his strategy. He blazed out to the circle on the left side of Scott and faked a pass to the point. Fooling the defense, he simply whirled and laced the rubber into the cage. Agawam trailed 4-3 at 6:41 of the third.

A half minute late, Brian Warsaw put Westfield back ahead by two goals as he rapped in a Casimir Witalisz slap shot rebound. That was all the insurance that Westfield would require as they coasted in for the "W."

The Brownies would soon have a two man advantage as Warsaw and Goodreau spent some time in the box. Agawam couldn't capitalize on it and then nearly scored a goal shorthanded two minutes later. Benton got stoned on a partial break and Craig Waryasz (who had sent Bennie away) nearly popped in the rebound.

AHS Boys' Swimmers Bow To East Long.

The Agawam High boys' swim team lost this week to East Longmeadow High by a score of 118-58. The locals took second place in the 200-yard medley relay with a clocking of 1:58.10.

Aaron Orsucci was a double winner with 2:13.75 in the 200-yard individual medley, and 53.15 seconds in the 100-yard free style (both personal best times).

In the 50-yard free style event, Steve Lewis took third place in 26.13 seconds. Gary Jock took fifth in 26.16 seconds. Agawam won first and second in the 100-yard butterfly. Alan Niemiec checked in at 1:01.07 and Steve Lewis finished in 1:04.77.

Vin Russo, Jeremy Spring, Gary Jock, and Matt Tocko swam the 200-yard free style relay in 1:58.27 for third place. Spring came in second in the 100-yard backstroke event with a time of 1:09.28, qualifying him for the upcoming Western Mass. Meet.

The boys will face South Hadley on Friday, February 14th.

Huge Victory Over Amherst Sends Brownie Girls To 1st Place Tie

by Bob Johnson Advertiser News Staff

Many people brought their crystal balls to Clifford P. Kibbe gymasium last Friday afternoon. The display area was fuzzy when they got there but most of them figured they saw a little bit of the future before they left.

It was the biggest regular season game facing Lou Conte's Agawam High Lady Brownies on the hardwood when the undefeated, Valley Wheel frontrunner Amherst High came to town. The number one ranked team in Western Mass. had pinned one of two losses on the Brownies in a 51-50 thriller at Amherst High two weeks ago.

This time the Brownies did the baking and they led it from wire to wire with an emphatic 72-59 victory behind the big, big efforts from the vaunted frontline duo of Kim Trudel and Cyndi Stone.

Emptied All Chambers

Agawam played as well as it can play and got all the chambers emptied before silencing the Hurricanes for good. The two teams shook hands at center court and there probably wasn't one player (or coach) on either side that figured these two squads had seen the last of one another.

two squads had seen the last of one another.

AHS ran its record to 5-1 in the Valley Wheel and 14-2 overall. They moved into a flatfooted tie atop the Wheel with Amherst and trail them by one game in the overall standings. The Hurricanes are now perched at 15-1

are now perched at 15-1.

Trudel had her most consistent ballgame of the season (largely because she didn't have any foul trouble). She canned 18 powerful points in the first half and then made several clutch baskets in

the second half en route to a team-high 27.

Stone filled in the rest of the upfront bondo as she worked for seven first half points and then put

she worked for seven first half points and then put on her customary second half blitz to finish with 13.

Laura Bielitz might well have been the key to

the game. The junior swing player had the sights adjusted early and her launches never went off target. She swished home six set shots from various angles and distances to chip in with 12 big makers on the afternoon.

Senior Sheila Martin also contributed a couple of buckets which both happened to come at crucial checkpoints. Frosh Kristin Schmaelzle banged around inside long enough to drop in six. Junior Stephanie Mason played a fine game prior to fouling out with 2:49 to play. She manned the point and dropped in her obligatory three-point shot from straight out top.

shot from straight out top.

All this added up to a 40-point first half that

allowed the Brownies to get to the serenity of their locker room with a 40-25 lead.

Executed Game Plan Perfectly

"We executed our plan perfectly," said a very satisfied Conte. "We knew we couldn't stop (Jamilia) Wideman so we concentrated on blanketing their number two weapon (Jen Pariseau). Sheila (Martin) did an exceptional job at slowing her down."

Wideman has been documented in these pages previously. She is the fifth year varsity performer who is a "lock" to make All-State and perhaps All-New England from the point. The southpaw engineer of the Hurricanes scored four three-pointers in the second half en route to a game-high 28 point output.

Her big second half allowed Amherst to chop 13 points of the AHS lead with a 21-8 burst out of the halftime gate. Wideman scored the final six of that run with two triples from out top. She saw teammate Brenda Sepanek fired in a couple of high arcing, wide open swishes and Pariseau found the range for five of her 13 points.

A crucial juncture came when Mason found Trudel cruising underneath. She accepted the feed and positioned herself for her unstoppable inside game. She made the shot and got hacked. She made the free throw and AHS went up, 51-46.

Martin followed with her first deuce of the day as she squared up from just inside the arc and spun one through the laces. Stone was next. She was racing down the lane and the Brownies had it back up to nine, 55-46 with 6:45 to play.

Amherst kept firing and did a yeoman's job at not quitting. Wideman got it down to seven one

Amherst kept firing and did a yeoman's job at not quitting. Wideman got it down to seven one more time. But Stone was cleaning up inside and Bielitz and Martin hit more outside stuff to keep the defense in the middle a little softer.

Mason's exit caused a few hearts to flutter but Bielitz stepped up again and handled the ball flawlessly.

AHS had dropped its fiercest competitor by double digits. Yet Amherst had left a message that big second half comeback and the mere presence of Wideman (along with a throng of hearty fans) told the locals it's a long way from over.

And the next time could be in the Western Mass. Finals at the Civic Center. Odds are that it will happen and Conte's troops will probably need the same effort, or maybe even a better one, to get what both teams want so badly.

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Brownies Nip Winless Westfield, 55-51...

Gaylor Gives Brownie Hoop Wakeup Call

by Bob Johnson Advertiser News Sports Editor

The Agawam High Brownies got a second half wake-up call from junior forward Joe Gaylor and some late game heroics from senior captain Mike Briggs, and they did just enough to overcome a game long funk as they slipped by winless Westfield High 55-51 in Bomber Town last Friday night.
The Brownies improved to 7-9 on the season

with the win and still have a shot to capture the Valley Wheel as they upped that league slate to

There weren't too many times during the evening when Agawam looked like a league champion, but they accomplished their mission with the eleventh hour offense provided by Gaylor and

The Bombers played without their lone star Mike Wing and that may have served to relax the visitors. Wing, seated on the Bomber bench in civvies, enjoyed the early part of the ballgame very

Led by a commitment to free up the jump shooter, the Bombers fed the post time after time.

The inside-outside game worked very nicely as they constantly sent the rock right back out to an open winger who continually drained the corner jump shot.

Westfield Holds Brownies At Bay Westfield went to a 9-2 lead and held the Brownies at bay throughout the half. The Brownies countered by trying to go inside, but, quick hands by the Bombers, mental lapses by the Brownies and another subpar performance on the free throw line (9-17 in the half) had the Bombers off the court and into the locker room with a 34-28 lead at intermission.

Kevin Daley led Westfield with ten at the half, and six of his teammates contributed at least a

bucket to complement his performance.

Jason Blackburn led Agawam with ten, and

Brendon Gallagher had nine at intermission.

Westfield might have won the ballgame had their fans believed that they were about to get that elusive first victory. Truth be told, the Bomber fans sat on their hands all night, despite owning the lead for thirty one of the game's thirty two minutes!

Mike Butler slipped in a rebound with 12:05 to play, and the Bombers were showing no signs of handing the game over as they increased their lead to 39-31.

The comeback for Agawam might have been signalled by Blackburn, who scored on a twisting lane runner at 9:45. He was fouled on the play and made his freebie to slice the lead to 41-36. Nobody scored for the next two minutes, and then Gaylor answered the bell.

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Big-Time Payback Dealt By AHS To Minnechaug Hoop, 81-56

by Bob Johnson **Advertiser News Sports Editor**

If you went to Clifford P. Kibbe Gym Tuesday night, you simply saw one of your basic "We're a better team than you are. You shouldn't have beaten us the first time (and it was payback, blowout time on the home court)." It was sim-

Agawam High pounded on Minnechaug Regional to the tune of 81-56 in boys' Valley Wheel hoop behind the best balanced scoring effort of the season by the locals.

The victory puts the Brownies at 8-9 as they try to get to that elusive .500 mark which they have not seen since their loss at Putnam on January

The locals are also 5-2 in the Wheel with upcoming games at Longmeadow (Friday night) and first place Chicopee Comp (Tuesday night) before coming home to host West Springfield next Friday night (February 21st) in the regular season finale. Whipped The Ball Around

The team whipped the ball around the perimeter under the field generalship of point guard Tom

The Brownies were unselfish and just about every team member had a no-look shovel pass to a teammate for an uncontested bucket. And this game was also for the soothsayer, Coach Mike Martin.

Prior to the game, and relaxing on the bench, Martin told us, "We should get some breaks tonight. In a long season, the breaks should even out and we are about due. Also, I think tonight is the night we will try and free up Dave Desimone and see if he can get his offense going."

Hey Mike, you ought to see if Carson will let you do his "Karnak" routine one night on The Tonight

Show. Desimone came off the pine with Agawam leading 9-6 and went nuts offensively. He drilled home his line drive jumper and a couple of put-back rebounds to the tune of 12 first half points (16 overall) as he led the rout.

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Brendon Gallagher on the inside. But he headed to the bench early with two fouls and AHS went with a front line of Desimone, Mike Briggs, and Joe Gaylor for much of the half.

The result? Twenty-eight inspired points between the trio in the first half and a convincing 46-19 lead at intermission. As a matter of fact Agawam's small club (sans Gallagher) extricated itself from a 13-13 tie and went on to a crowd-pleasing 33-6 run that turned out the lights on the visiting Falcons. This is the same side who had upset the locals in their building several weeks ago.

Send In The Shock Troops
The last two minutes of the half had to be the most fun for the Shock Troops led by Mike

Knodler and Ben Ferris. This group made some incredible shots as time wore down. Ferris made a duckunder-scoop and got fouled to bring the crowd right off those uncomfortable benches. Knodler drained a 10-footer in traffic that just beat

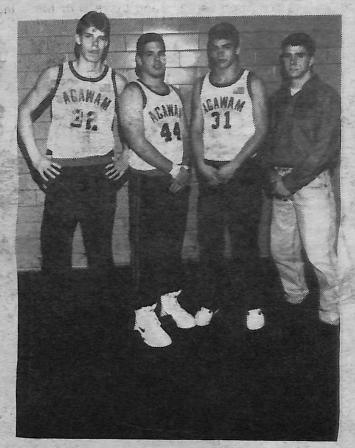
Minnechaug made the obligatory run as it streaked from the locker room and bolted on a 10-1 run fueled by super sub Walter Grono (game high 19 points). But Tommy Briggs came out of a timeout with a pull-up jumper in transition to stem the tide. He made another off the set offense on the next possession and AHS maintained its lead the rest of the night.

Gallagher spent the second half pounding the glass and playing strong. He led AHS with 18 points. Desimone had 16, Gaylor added 15, and

Mike Briggs had 14.

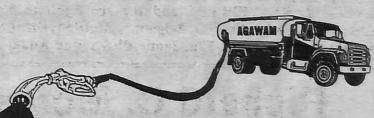
Martin finished the game with a quintet that included Greg Pudlo, A.J. Christopher, Ferris,

Knodler, and Keith Hargis. This group held their own in "garbage time" as the Brownies got their first chance at laughter in a long time.



CLASS OF 1992 members of the 1991-92 Agawam High varsity hoop team. From left -Dave Desimone, Keith Hargis, Mike Briggs, and Ben Ferris (sidelined with injury). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Ben Benton Running Wild In School Hockey

by Bob Johnson Advertiser News Sports Editor

The kid is probably no bigger than your paper boy. He stands on the ice many times amongst others that are nearly twice his size. Yet, you notice him almost immediately.

He stands on a wing during most of the faceoffs and as soon as the puck is dropped, Agawam High's Ben Benton puts it in high gear. And, there is plenty of octane in the engine.

The little senior dynamo hockey player is the pride of this year's Brownies team. Coach Mike LaZazzera is able to use this versatile scoring machine all over the ice and he is effective from anywhere on the rink.

Against high scoring clubs, Benton lines up at right defense and engineers the offense from there. On other shifts, he's a high flying right winger with high intensity radar when it comes to searching out the goaltender's weakness.

He is second in the league in scoring behind West Springfield's Brian Fenton, and he accounts for a large percentage of the Agawam offense.

The Brownies have had a very good season this year when stacked up against Agawam High teams of the past few seasons. They've played a grinding, powerful style with at least three of the four offensive lines "taking the body" as their main weapon.

Despite Size, He's As Tough As Nails
Though smaller than many of his teammates,
Benton is as tough as nails and plays with his
head up. He takes a lot of hard checks (and

believe me, they line him up), and he is also so agile that he can avoid the harder hits when necessary.

It seems as if he uses his agility to "set-up" potential scoring bids by suckering defensemen into trying to "run at him" and then eluding them at the last minute.

In covering more than twenty five Agawam hockey games in the past three seasons, rarely has a game gone by that Benton hasn't scored at least one goal. I have witnessed at least three hat tricks and maybe more.

Some players have the speed of Ben Benton, but most can not stack up when you add the rest of his package. When he sets his mind to it, he is a backchecking team players, a nifty assist man, a clutch goal scorer, and a very accurate shooter.

It is not uncommon for opposing fans to be yelling bloody murder about Agawam's physical style and then calm down long enough to proclaim that Benton is a very gifted player.

Benton is a very gifted player.

Teammates Willing To Move The Puck To Him

Teammates are glad to move the puck to Benton's area on the ice because they know that their individual point totals are likely to rise because he is a threat to move to the cage and score, regardless of where he collects the puck.

Occasionally, you'll see Benton circle between the blue lines in hockey's version of "baskethanging," but that is almost always effective because there is always someone on the opposing team's



AHS HOCKEY STAR BEN BENTON

defense that is tasked with checking him every second for fear that he would break away and score.

Size could be a deterrent in moving to the next level, or perhaps a level beyond that, but Ben Benton is a large part of the reason that his team is as competitive this season as they are.

Youth Soccer Players Heading For Belgium

Six Agawam youth soccer players have been selected for a travelling soccer team which will tour through Belgium this summer.

tour through Belgium this summer.

Coach Mark Verelst, a former soccer professional from Belgium, takes a select group of players each year. After a series of tryouts, a roster of 15 players are selected.

Players come from as far away as South Windsor, CT, Somers, CT, Longmeadow, Westfield, Montgomery, Southwick, Ludlow, Chicopee, and

Holyoke.
The six premier players from Agawam are Matt Bryant, Bobby Burke, Keith Daubmann, Frank Fila, Jamie Pliska, and Adam Tebaldi.

The team is planning many fundraisers to offset the cost of touring Europe. Please support these Agawam youths.



COACH MARK VERELST and the six Agawam Youth Soccer players who are heading for Belgium - Matt Bryant, Bobby Burke, Keith Daubmann, Frank Fila, Jamie Pliska, and Adam Tebaldi.

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Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



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Average PCB levels in lobster also decreased

between areas in Boston Harbor, Salem Harbor, and coastal Massachusetts. Less than 1% of all coastal lobster exceeded the 2 ppm FDA tolerance level; 2% of Salem Harbor lobster were above the tolerance level; and approximately 7% of Boston Harbor lobster were higher than the FDA tolerance level.

PCB levels in lobster were much higher than winter flounder due to the inclusion of the tomalley, which concentrates PCBs much more than muscle tissue. Lobster meat without the tomalley (the green digestive gland which fills the body cavity) is well below the action level, similar to that of finfish fillets.

In addition to the current FDA 2 ppm tolerance level, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has also issued a statewide health advisory against eating lobster tomalley and to limit consumption of fish and shellfish from Quincy Bay.

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WAKEUP CALL from Page 42...

Gaylor Scores Big

The junior played hard inside and scored the next nine Agawam points, capped by a layup at 4:20 which cut the lead to 47-45. Chad Kasperowski was making just enough shots for Westfield to keep them ahead.

With two minutes to play, Gallagher missed an easy layup and committed a reach in foul in an effort to atone for his mistake. Jeff St. John went to the line for a 1 and 1 which could have put the Bombers up by six.

Instead, he missed the front end and the Brownies found Gallagher (17 points) for an inside hoop which cut it to just two (51-49).

Then it was Briggs' moment to shine. The Brownies had possession and were trying to hammer the ball inside to Gaylor or Gallagher.

Westfield was denying the pass. So, Briggs went to the left corner, received a return pass, and rose up for the three pointer that gave Agawam their first lead of the ballgame with

1:35 to play. Westfield never scored again. Butler missed a 1 and 1, and Briggs responded by nailing three out of four in the final seconds to secure the win.

They didn't celebrate too long on the court. But, they did just enough to win, and that my friends is the name of the game.

Final Round Of Tri-Parish Bowling Opens

The third and final round of the Monday Night Tri-Parish Bowling League has kicked-off at the Agawam Bowl. And leading the way with three wins is St. Anselm, closely followed by Catholic University, Holy Cross, and Georgetown, all with three wins.

St. A's did a dance on 8th place St. Louis (1 wins), three wins to one. St. A's winners were DON STITT (297-first place in Class C at 86.45 in his first season in the league), TONY "I'm Not A Captain Kozak (276-after a leadoff string of 121), and new captain TIM SHEEHAN, who fired a huge 361 to assume the top gun's perch in the entire league at 107.10. St. Lou captain JIM HOAGUE (302) wasn't sure what hit him.

Sheehan's 361 was the high water mark for the season. The only St. Lou winner was second roller JEAN BUONICÓNTI (285-first place in Women's Class AA at 94.0).

Second place Catholic University dumped 7th place Boston College (1 win), three wins to one. Leading the way for CU were led by the SNYDER boys, JIM & RICH. First, Jim, the second leading roller in Men's Class AAA (101.43) fired a nifty 330. Then, captain RICH SNYDER came and snaring to defeat BC's substitute captain FRANK "The Tank" MOCCIO (armed with an average of 109.14 as a sub), 339-312. Rich leads the Men's Class AA at 104.5. This is the best three-four punch in the league.

Winners for BC were TINA FRAPPIER (267) and second roller BILL "Don't Call Me Bob" HOPE

Holy Cross defeated Notre Dame (9th place-1

win), three wins to one. HC winners included MICHELLE BAILLIE (278-276), VI MASSOIA (309-great night for Vi), and captain LARRY VIENS, a 291-275 win over a downtrodden STEVE MOC-CIO (second in Men's Open Class behind Sheehan at 106.62). This matchup was truly a sad state of affairs.

The only ND winner was leadoff MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (271). Maybeth is in second place in the Women's Class B at 87.32.

Georgetown put Fordham into last place, three wins to one. Winners from G-Town were MILESSA PONTE (266-262 over ESTHER DEPALO. Milessa is back from a serious bout with surgery), JOHN MLINEK (259), and captain DEBBIE POIRIER (319, leads the Women's Open Class at 102.52 to 101.7 to vacationing SHIRLEY SARACINO). Debbie defeated Fordham captain OLLIE MULDREW, who sat out his third and final string due to back problems.

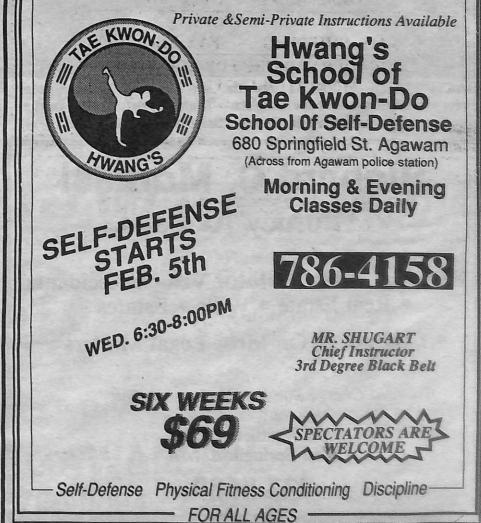
The lone Fordham winner was JANICE MOC-

CIO (275). Fifth place St. Michael (2½ wins) defeated 6th place St. Mary (1½ wins) in this first week of Round Three. Winners for St. Mike's were PAUL LAGODITZ (253-252 over CHRIS BUKOWSKI), RENEE JURY (294-291 over BOB COELLN - Renee is in second place in Women's Class AA at 93.14), and veteran captain FRED MORASSI (303-1st place in Men's Class A at 98.8). Freddie trounced St. Mary captain JIM "MAC" McNamee who slumped to 274.

The lone winner for St. Mary's was leadoff AUDREY PHILLIPS (254).

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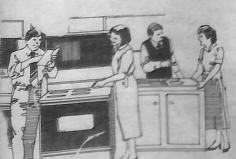
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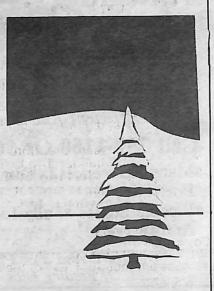
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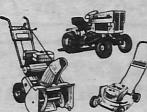
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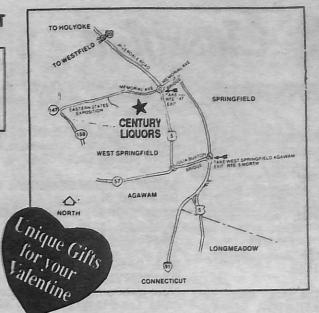
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